

**COMMENT OF  
THE DAY**

**Lancashire And  
HK Textiles**

THERE is growing evidence that a carefully planned campaign is under way in England to discredit, and if possible render innocuous to the Lancashire industries, Hongkong's competition in manufactured textiles.

A series of House of Commons questions has lately been directed at the Board of Trade Ministry, the burden of which has been that Hongkong's textiles are a dangerous threat to the British industry, and what does the Board of Trade propose to do about it? These questions have included vague suggestions of unfair practice on the part of the Colony's manufacturers and one quite preposterous claim that textile production costs here are ten times below those in Britain.

That the Board of Trade spokesmen in the Commons have been able to supply eminently satisfactory answers to the queries raised by MPs appears to make no impression on those determined in their efforts to interfere with one of Hongkong's most important industries.

WE will accept the protest that our textiles are proving more and more attractive to British purchasers. More than this, we will point to the fact that Lancashire firms, despite their expressed fears of Hongkong competition, are actually sending buyers to the Colony to make direct purchases of our products.

Even so, compared with the Indian trade in cotton goods, our sales to England cannot in all seriousness be rated as competition calculated to cause "growing disquiet among British manufacturers."

Relatively speaking, Hongkong's textile industry is still in its infancy. True it possesses first-rate modern machinery and an abundance of skilled labour, but its production output is not in the same class as the big competitors to the Lancashire industry.

THE conviction grows that Lancashire interests are endeavouring to make a whipping boy out of the Colony's textile industry, for the purpose of hiding the inefficiency of the cotton mills in the North of England.

The anti-Hongkong campaign can be tolerated so long as it remains within its present limits, but it has come to our attention that a move is afoot in Britain to persuade the Board of Trade to withdraw the privileges of Imperial Preference from the Colony's textile manufacturers, thus, in the view of the interested parties, removing Hongkong's objectionable competition with the British industry.

Any such move to drive Hongkong out of the British market must be resisted. It is difficult to believe the Board of Trade would agree to the proposal. For if, as was declared in the House on Tuesday, "it is not the policy of the government to restrict imports from the colonies by quotas or tariffs," it must surely follow that the government could not withdraw Imperial Preference concessions from a colony so long as its products conformed to the requirements of the Act.

The threat to Hongkong's Imperial Preference rights may be more apparent than real, but it behoves Government to keep a wary eye on any manoeuvres, either through political or private channels, designed to deprive Hongkong industrialists of those legitimate rights.

**Mr Foster Dulles, in policy speech on Formosa Straits, urges...  
NO FURTHER SURRENDER**

**Would Not Serve  
The Cause Of Freedom  
Or Of Peace**

NEW YORK, FEB. 16.

THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. JOHN FOSTER DULLES, TODAY OPPOSED FURTHER SURRENDER BY NATIONALIST CHINA TO THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS OF COASTAL POSITIONS OFF THE CHINESE MAINLAND.

Without mentioning the offshore islands of Quemoy and Matsu by name, Mr Dulles, in a major foreign policy address, said:

"It has been suggested that Nationalist China should surrender to the Chinese Communists the coastal positions which the Communists need to stage their announced attack on Formosa.

"It is doubtful that this would serve either the cause of peace or the cause of freedom."

Mr Dulles continued: "The Chinese Communists have been the initiators of violence in this area. They have already formally declared their intention to take Formosa by force. If the Chinese Nationalists now oblige by making it easier for the Chinese Communists to conquer Formosa will they, be less apt to do so? I doubt it."

**Quick  
London  
Reaction**

London, Feb. 17.

Mr John Foster Dulles's opposition to any further evacuation of the China coastal islands by the Nationalists will aggravate the already serious Anglo-American difference of view over this aspect of the Formosa problem, according to diplomatic quarters here tonight.

The American Secretary of State's advocacy of Nationalist retention of these islands rejected in effect the policy Britain urged him to adopt last week.

Sir Anthony Eden, with the full backing of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers at their conference here, then pressed Mr Dulles to persuade the Nationalists to quit the coastal islands.

In the British view, these islands rightfully belong to Communist China and are not vital to the defence of Formosa and the Pescadores, whose ownership was left undetermined by the Japanese peace treaty.

The fact that Mr Dulles did not state that the United States would help the Nationalists to defend the coastal islands was, however, greeted with relief here.—Reuter.

**Pilgrims  
Battle With  
Police**

Buenos Aires, Feb. 16.

Pilgrims defying a ban on entry into a suburb of the Central Argentine city of Tucuman battled tonight with police who had thrown a "demonstration" around the district.

The suburb, San Cayetano, was sealed off by order of the Provincial Governor after thousands of disease-ridden pilgrims had flocked there hoping to be cured by a 14-year-old girl claiming miraculous curing powers.

Tonight a torrential rain from the neighbouring province of Santiago del Estero, clashed in a fist fight with the police as they tried to break through the cordon.

The father of the "miracle girl," Emilia del Calle Leyva, was reported to have been arrested. Police also confiscated about 130,000 pesos (about £2,250 sterling) believed to have been contributed by "believers."—Reuter.

In the course of his speech, Mr Dulles said, regarding the evacuation of Chinese coastal islands:

"The President did not use our armed forces to help the Chinese Nationalists to hold the Pechen, islands and Yushan and Matsu, lying some 200 miles north of Formosa. These islands were virtually unrelated to the defence of Formosa and the Pescadores.

"We helped the Chinese Nationalists to evacuate these islands and regroup their forces so as to avoid a bloody and wasteful battle which would have inflamed public emotions. Thus Nationalist China and the United States have made an important contribution to the cause of peace.

"It has been suggested that Nationalist China should go further and surrender to the Chinese Communists the coastal positions which the Communists need to stage their announced attack on Formosa.

"It is doubtful that this would serve either the cause of peace or the cause of freedom. The Chinese Communists have been the initiators of violence in this area. They have already formally declared their intention to take Formosa



MR FOSTER DULLES

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**BASIC PURPOSE**

"The United States has no commitment and no purpose to defend the coastal positions as such. The basic purpose is to assure that Formosa and the Pescadores will not be forcibly taken over by the Chinese Communists."

"It is hardly to be expected that the Chinese Communists will renounce their ambitions. However, might they not renounce their efforts to realise their goals by force?"

"In 1950 the Chinese Communists had accepted a Security Council invitation in relation to Korea. However, this time the Chinese Communists contemptuously rejected the invitation.

"We sincerely hope that this decision of the Chinese Communists is not irrevocable and that they will abide by the principles of the United Nations rather than challenge by force the defensive obligations of this country."

"In any event, we believe that their attitude towards the United Nations Security Council has not endeared the responsibility of that body which by the charter has the primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security."

"It should not, moreover, be carelessly assumed that peace and security will be promoted merely by the non-Communist nations indefinitely granting one-sided concessions to the Communist nations."

"If the non-Communist Asians ever come to feel that their Western friends are disposed to retreat whenever Communism threatens the peace then the entire area could quickly become indefensible."

**KREMLIN CHANGES**

Of the Soviet Union's dramatic change in leadership last week, Mr Dulles said that this undoubtedly was an elemental personal struggle for power. He described it as "an extraordinary demonstration of despotic disarray."

He said that the full significance of what had occurred was still obscure and perhaps the last act of the drama had not yet been played.

Mr Dulles said that one could perceive the outlines of a basic policy difference between those primarily concerned with the welfare, security and greatness of the Soviet Union and its peoples, and those who would have the Soviet Union and its power serve primarily as a tool of international Communism and as a means of achieving its world wide ambitions.

Mr Dulles said that if the first group prevailed then, indeed there could be a basis for negotiation and practical agreements between the United States and the new Russia.

"Then there might be re-activated the historic friendship between our countries and their peoples," he added.

**BANGKOK MEETING**

Referring to this month's meeting of the Manila Pact powers, Mr Dulles said: "We shall at Bangkok deal with the problem of organising the Security Council. Also we shall begin to deal with the three substantive problems assigned to the council, namely military security, security against subversion directed from without, and economic welfare."

Some Asians retain a fear derived from past colonial relationships that close ties with the Western powers will lead to their being dominated by the Western powers. It is essential that that fear should be dispelled.

"Words are not enough. It is necessary to infuse these words with the breath of life. That, I hope, will be done at Bangkok. Those who gather there will meet as equals."—Reuter.

**3-D Space Shoes**

**Arrive  
In HK**

**Visitor's Novel  
Footwear**

Mr Ronald Shank — an American — arrived in Hongkong this week with the latest thing in men's footwear — a pair of "three dimensional space shoes", specially made for long walks and touring.

"They look like a cross between an athletic pair of army boots and a pair of underwear flippers, have two soles (one leather, one crepe), are square-toed and are intended to give the maximum comfort. They should do the trick."

"They're still new in America, so Hongkong will have to wait a few months before they come to the market — and when they do they will give the biggest pair of feet here an inferiority complex."

"The Customs men must have been rather surprised when Mr Shank carried two days ago with him many packages of three-dimensional shoes, army kit, bags, a record case and a large camera. Because inside Mr Shank has 'everything but the kitchen sink'."

**GROCERIES**

There were books, papers, batteries for his camera, wigs, hats, rattles, castanets, records, groceries — he was told that the coffee was not the best in the East — a small stove for the coffee and, of course, the essential saucepan in which to make it.

"Another two pounds worth and I would have been a mule train," he chuckled. "But the Customs didn't seem to mind."

Mr Shank is by profession a mobile disc jockey. Hence the paraphernalia.

He is on a world tour entertaining on radio, TV and where possible, at children's parties. Yesterday he went to visit the Tiger Balm gardens and found that five-year-old Wu, grandson of the late Mr Aw Boon-haw, was having a birthday party, so he stayed to sing "Happy Birthday to you" and entertain the children.

For his act, Mr Shank has a large red wig, one dilapidated hat and a number of dance records including a Mambo, a jitterbug and a "meringue", a dance from the Dominican republic.

**HIS PROCESS**

Mr Shank is really an estate agent, but he is also a very keen photographer and takes, develops and prints photos in three minutes.

His process? It's simple. "You fix each photo for three minutes if it is an inside one, and only one minute for outside ones as two minutes would mean overexposing," he explained.

The real reason for Mr Shank's world tour is to become a member of a well-known American airline's Clipper Club. To become a member of this club, one has to travel around the world on the planes of this airline. He will return to New York on April 15 to become one of the club's first thousand members.

**Tragic Death Of  
Peer's Grandson**

New York, Feb. 16.

Nicholas Trounstein, 10-year-old son of an attorney and grandson of a British peer, was killed last night in Oakland, California, when he rode his bicycle into the side of a bus and was thrown under the vehicle's wheels.

The boy was the son of attorney Robert Trounstein and grandson of Lord Redcliffe. His mother was the former Jessica Lucy Freeman-Mitford. He died at a hospital less than 90 minutes after the accident.—United Press.



THE SHOE



THE WEARER

**Crisis  
Brewing In  
Hungary**

Paris, Feb. 16.

A government crisis similar to the one which resulted in the recent Soviet Cabinet shake-up is brewing in Hungary, specialists on Hungarian questions said here today.

These specialists based their statement on rumours of a crisis which have reached here from Budapest and on the fact Hungary's Premier Imre Nagy, who was Malenkov's political alter-ego in Hungary, was conspicuously missing when Budapest celebrated the 10th anniversary of its liberation recently.

All the top Hungarian Communist chiefs, who are members of the Politburo, attended the anniversary goings-on, except Nagy and the First Vice-Premier Ernest Gero.

The Hungarian press recently said that Gero was sick but it has not mentioned Nagy since the Premier received the country's religious chiefs for an interview last January 22.

In addition, Hungarian papers have not mentioned the traditional message of congratulations which Nagy should have sent to his new Soviet counterpart, Premier Marshal Nikolai Bulganin.—France-Press.

**EXPLOSION IN  
CITY STREETS**

New York, Feb. 16.

An explosion in two busy city streets of Seguin, South Texas, early tonight, caused serious property damage and a yet unknown number of casualties.

Police said that they could not tell if there were any dead. One policeman said that there might be many people hurt since ambulances were "bumming up and down the street." The explosion occurred in the centre of the town, where there are several office buildings and shops.

Police said that it apparently was a gas explosion, but there was no fire.—Reuter.

**Europe In  
Grip Of  
Blizzards**

**Prolonged Cold  
Forecast**

London, Feb. 16.

Thick snow clouds rolled south from Scotland today plunging London briefly into cold and semi-darkness.

Sleet and snow fell in Southern England this afternoon while a blizzard raged in Scotland.

Gale-driven seas battered Britain's coasts.

All 18 crew of the Boulogne trawler, Saint Pierre Eglise, aground near Yarmouth, Norfolk, were safely brought ashore by breeches buoy as strong winds whipped up seas around the ship.

Blizzards in Germany, Denmark and Sweden and intense cold in Austria, brought a sudden new wintry spell to Europe today.

**ON THE CONTINENT**

Reuter reports from continental centres gave this picture:

Hamburg: Loudspeakers warned people in the industrial Ruhr to stay indoors as much as possible today to avoid a raging blizzard expected to increase its force to more than 65 miles an hour.

Lower Saxony was also in the grip of the storm and trains crawled through the streets of Hanover.

In the Black Forest, 32 inches of snow were recorded and many lonely villages and farms were cut off from the outside world.

Dozens of coastal freighters and fishing boats sought refuge in North Sea harbours.

Copenhagen: A fierce blizzard raged over Denmark and a heavy rain fell in Sweden.

Stockholm: A heavy snow storm today blocked all secondary roads in the south Swedish province of Scania.

ISLAND ISOLATED  
The Swedish island of Ven, lying between the southwest coast and Denmark, was isolated by the blinding blizzard.

Boats trying to land supplies for the 750 inhabitants returned to the mainland after a vain battle against the wind.

Vienna: Thousands of workers, 64 motor snow ploughs and 12 horse ploughs worked all day keeping traffic going in the snow-covered streets of Vienna. The meteorological station said today that the present intense cold would last for sometime.—Reuter.

**Pineau Succeeds**

Paris, Feb. 17.

M. Christian Pineau has succeeded in forming a Cabinet. It was announced this morning.—France-Press.

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## ARMS CONTROL POOL

## Action At The Windmill

A high speed action picture of Teddy Haskell in an  
octopus dance with Windmill girls. Renee Baxter, Dorien  
Lord and Joan Hodgins as models in "Under the Sea", a  
feature of the latest edition of non-stop Revueville at Lon-  
don's famous Windmill Theatre.—Central Press Photo.Princess Margaret  
Is 'Cover Girl'  
For U.S. Magazine

New York, Feb. 16.

Princess Margaret was Life magazine's "cover  
girl" today and the publication gave nine pages to  
her current West Indies tour under the headline  
"A Working Princess on the Road."Sixteen colour pictures were printed in nine  
pages of the issue.In the West Indies, the accompanying article  
said, she had "moved radiantly through the wear-  
some tasks of a working Princess."Negroes Glad  
To Leave  
Sophiatown

Johannesburg, Feb. 16.

Seventeen of the 22  
Negro families who re-  
fused to leave their  
Sophiatown homes in the  
first Government move of  
the Negro population to  
Meadowlands today asked  
for accommodation in the  
new Negro housing pro-  
ject.The second move was com-  
pleted yesterday without in-  
cident, the authorities reported.They announced that the  
cases of the 17 families who  
now have decided to join the  
move would be judged on their  
merits.Despite the original reluctance  
to leave Sophiatown, a typical  
Negro comment there was re-  
ported to be that they were glad  
to go and would be happy if  
they never saw Sophiatown  
again.

## HOOLIGANS

The police said hooligans had  
threatened those who decided  
to move away from Sophiatown  
where landlords were known to  
be charging exorbitant rents—  
sometimes as much as £25 to  
£30 for a hovel.The police made a show of  
strength, discouraging hooligans  
from carrying out their threats.  
Twenty-eight native youths  
were fined 10 shillings each at  
the Magistrate's Court today  
for not having night passes in  
Sophiatown last Monday night.  
—United Press.Britain Promises  
Support For  
Italian Director

## EDEN-SCELBA TALKS

London, Feb. 16.

Britain today promised to support an Italian  
candidate for the directorship of the arms control  
agency to be set up by the new seven-nation  
Western European Union, usually reliable Italian  
sources said.Sir Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary,  
gave this assurance to Signor Mario Scelba, the  
Italian Prime Minister, when they met here for  
foreign policy talks today, the sources said.Under the Paris treaties, the  
arms agency is to control the  
armed strengths and weapon  
stocks on the Continent of  
member countries. These are  
Britain, Italy, France, West  
Germany, and the Benelux  
countries.The agency, designed pri-  
marily as a check on West  
German rearmament, will also  
see that the Ben Republic does  
not make any atomic, bio-  
logical or chemical (A.B.C.)  
weapons.STAFF OF INSPECTORS  
The director will com-  
mand a staff of inspectors  
with full powers for in-  
vestigating factory produc-  
tion and storage depots.The Italian Prime Minister,  
who with his Foreign Minister,  
Signor Gaetano Martino, is here  
on an official visit, did not sug-  
gest any particular candidate  
for the directorship, the sources  
added.The treaties stipulate that the  
director will hold office for five  
years and will not then be  
eligible for reappointment.Signor Scelba told the Foreign  
Press Association here earlier  
today that he and Sir Winston  
Churchill had reached an identi-  
ty of views in their talks here  
on world problems.—Reuter.LOCUSTS  
THREATEN  
ALGERIA

Algiers, Feb. 16.

New waves of locusts threaten-  
ed to descend on the high plateau  
areas of western and southern  
Algeria today and savage the  
crops of another French pro-  
tectorate.Farmers took hurried precau-  
tions to fight the plague of in-  
sects, which last month chewed  
up thousands of dollars' worth  
of fruits and vegetables in  
Morocco.Three great waves of locusts  
were sighted in scattered sec-  
tions of Algeria, the authorities  
said.Many swarms appeared over  
the Air Setra sector of western  
Algeria. Another large flight  
was sighted south near Gery-  
ville and Afou, while a third  
important concentration was re-  
ported in the Ouled Rhir and  
Ouled Djellal Valley as far  
northwest as the Aures Moun-  
tains.—United Press.Hawker Hunter  
On Exhibition

Ipswich, Feb. 16.

Air correspondents today  
watched the faster-than-sound  
British Hawker Hunter aircraft  
slicing through the air at tree-  
top level above the RAF station  
Wattisham, near Ipswich.Two RAF squadrons in  
Scotland are already equipped  
with the Hunter, a jet inter-  
ceptor and a squadron at  
Wattisham also has them.Other squadrons here are now  
being formed.Ground crews today showed  
how they refuel, rearm and  
replenish with oxygen the  
Hunter in seven minutes, so  
having the turnaround time  
compared with the Meteor,  
which it replaces.The Hunter is in large scale  
production for the air forces of  
several NATO countries.—China  
Mail Special.Non-Smoking  
Pipe Collector

San Francisco, Feb. 16.

Mr Walter Endeman has  
been collecting pipes for  
25 years and now has  
1,200 of them from 35  
countries and every con-  
tinent. He values his  
collection at 25,000 dollars  
(about £2,000 sterling).Mr Endeman has a  
Sudanese pipe equipped  
with a bat's head for the  
tobacco bowl. A Japanese  
pipe features a Buddha  
whose stomach contains  
reserve tobacco. An  
Alaskan pipe made from  
walrus tusk has carved  
figures symbolizing Eskimo  
culture.There is an American  
pipe which has a stem in  
the replica of Betty  
Grable's leg. There is one  
of the German Meer-  
schauums which Kaiser  
Wilhelm favoured.But Mr Endeman him-  
self does not smoke.—  
China Mail Special.Split Widens  
In Australian  
Labour Party

Melbourne, Feb. 16.

The Victoria State La-  
bour Party Executive to-  
day decided to go to the  
courts over a dispute with  
the Federal Labour Party.Mr David Woodhouse, a mem-  
ber of the Right-wing Executive  
of the Victoria Party, applied  
to the Supreme Court for writs  
and an injunction restraining  
the Federal Labour Party from  
spending party money on a  
special conference on February  
26.The conference was called to  
reorganise the Victoria State  
Labour Party, following an in-  
vestigation arising from charges  
by the Labour leader in Parlia-  
ment, Dr Herbert Evatt. The  
State Executive decided last  
week to boycott the conference.This caused a split in the  
party with the Victoria State  
Premier, Mr John Cain, and  
Deputy Premier Leslie Galvin,  
and six other prominent figures  
in the state resigning from the  
party.Solicitors for Mr Woodhouse  
today had lengthy consulta-  
tions, then took out a series of  
Supreme Court writs. Late to-  
day the Supreme Court decided  
to hear the injunctions on  
February 21.—China Mail  
Special.

New Delhi, Feb. 16.

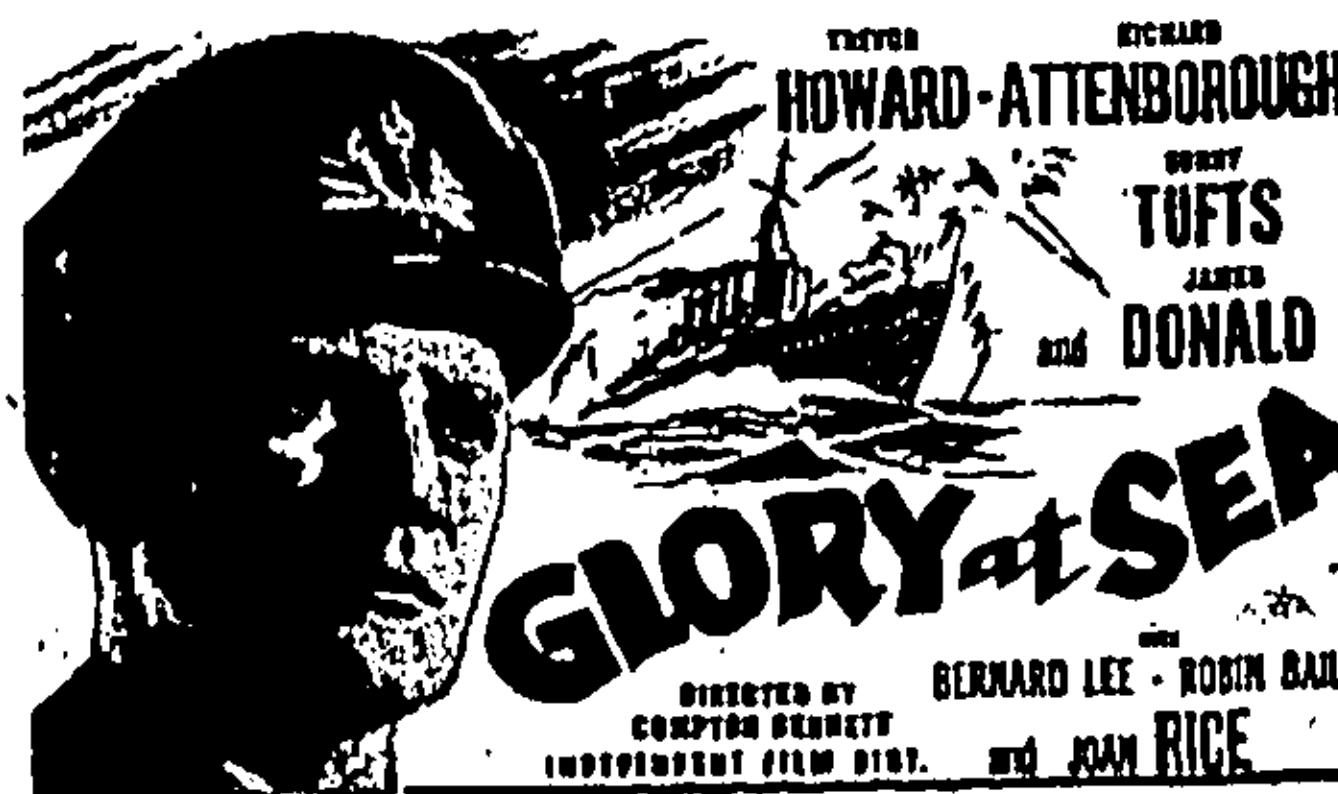
Canada will give India 100,000  
rupees (£12,500 sterling) under  
the Colombo Plan for establish-  
ing a biological control labora-  
tory in India.A field station will be set up  
at Bangalore to collect beneficial  
insects and other organisms  
already existing in India as well  
as to import such organisms  
from foreign countries with a  
view to utilising them to destroy  
crop pests in India.—Reuter.

## QUEEN'S &amp; ALHAMBRA

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AT 9.30 P.M. — GALA PREMIERE  
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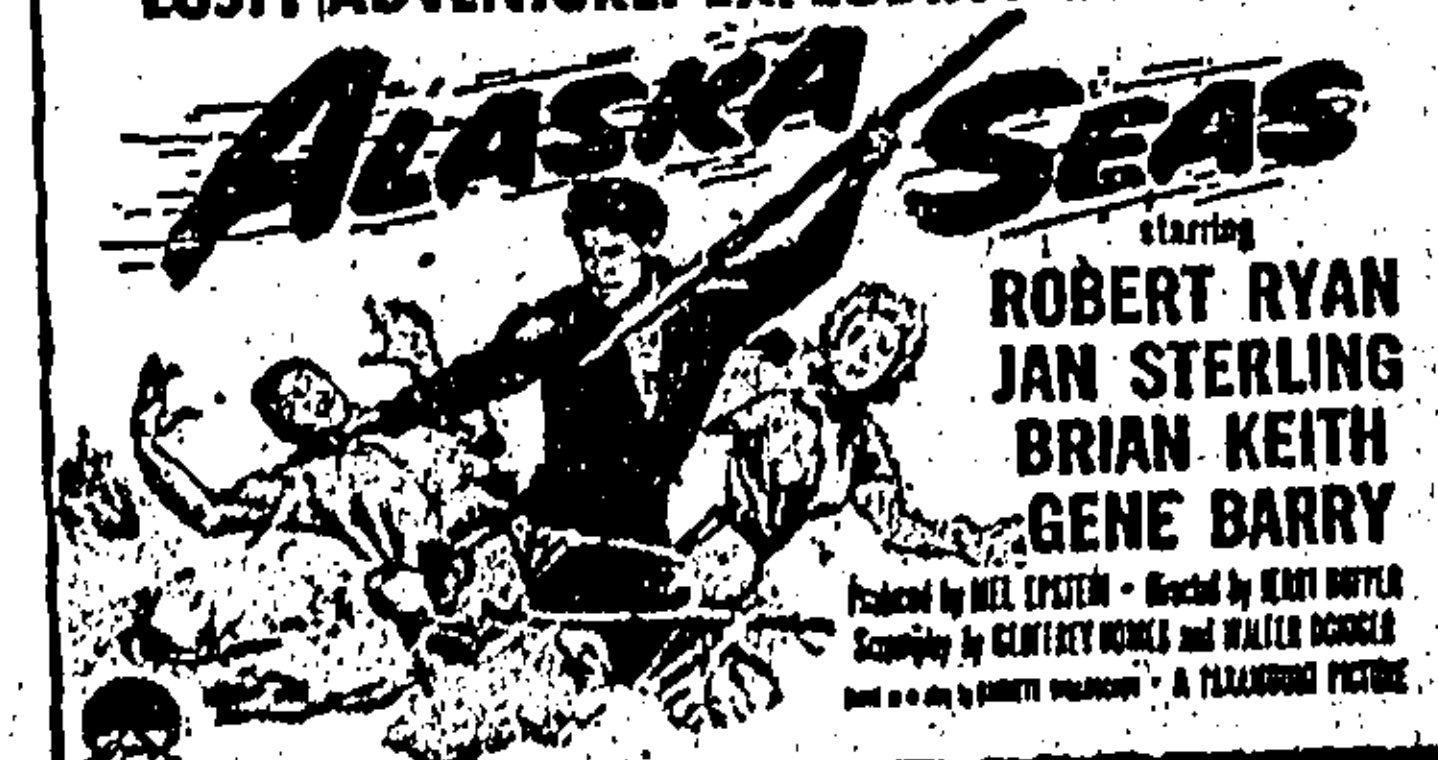
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(with English Sub-titles)

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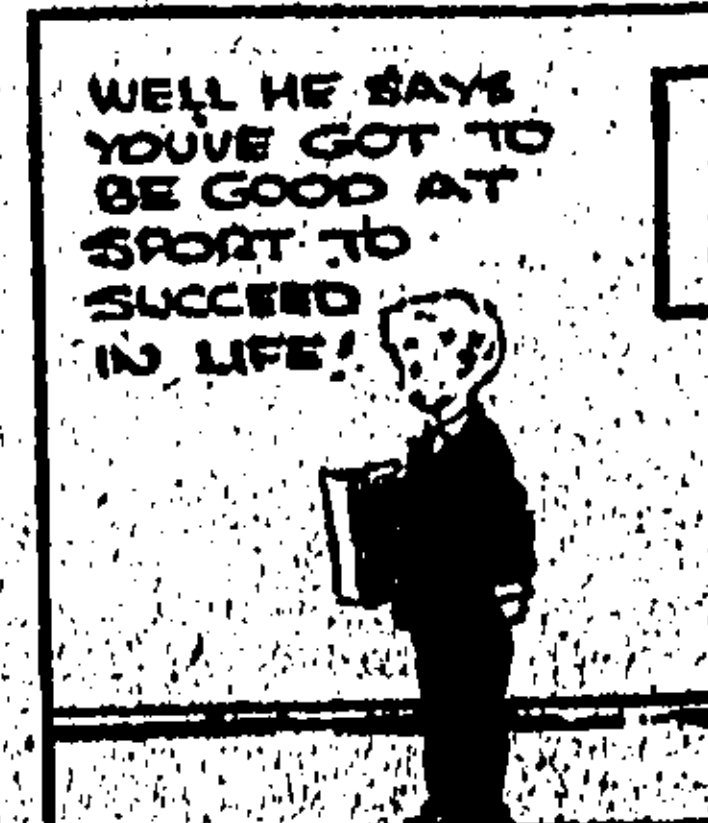
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# EAST-WEST CONFERENCES

## Adenauer Demands Seat For Germany After Treaties Ratified

Hamburg, Feb. 16.

Chancellor Konrad Adenauer tonight demanded a seat for the Bonn Republic at any East-West conference with the Soviets held after the Paris arms treaties are ratified.

Addressing a mass meeting of 7,000 cheering West Germans in support of his rearmament programme, Dr Adenauer reiterated that talks with the Soviets must come after, not before, ratification of the treaties.

But he insisted that when — and if — the talks are held the Bonn Republic must be represented.



DR. ADENAUER

### From One Thrill To Another

Paris, Feb. 16. Mademoiselle Viviane D. and a friend had been to a cinema here to see H. Crouzet's suspense thriller "Les Diaboliques", the central character of which is a supposed corpse.

They were walking home in the Montparnasse area at 1 a.m. today, when they suddenly became petrified. There on the sidewalk lay a headless body, apparently covered in blood.

They walked to the other side of the road and from there surveyed the body, with the horrors of the movie they had seen very much alive in their minds.

Another passer-by came and at once called the police. Quickly the agents of the law arrived and found the "corpse" was actually a dressed tailor's dummy.

In his pocket was a subway ticket and a note which said, "Justice Is Done," actually the title of another suspense film. — France-Press.

"When we are a sovereign state again," he said, "the Federal Republic must sit in at the table at which the fate of Germany will be decided. I cannot agree that others should decide our fate while we are left standing before the door."

### SOVIET GOAL

Dr Adenauer charged that the Soviet goal in "world domination" — that Moscow will never accept German reunification of its own free will.

But he insisted that this could only come about if Europe were united.

"Our goal is reunification in peace and freedom," he declared. "We want that as soon as possible. We want our fatherland to be united and free, to bring about a relaxation of tension that will lead to peace in the world."

The 70-year-old Chancellor already has addressed big rallies in the past 10 days at Frankfurt, where he was booed by an anti-rearmament crowd of several thousand. Hanover and Hamburg. But this was the first time that leaders of all the coalition parties appeared on the same platform to speak with him on behalf of the

### Admission Of Germany Into NATO Approved

Istanbul, Feb. 16. The Turkish Grand National Assembly today ratified the protocol approving the admission of West Germany to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

The Assembly also ratified the Balkan pact signed at Belgrade on October 9, 1954 between Turkey, Greece and Yugoslavia. This provided that if one of the countries is attacked, the others will go to her aid. — Reuters.

treaties that will put 500,000 young Germans in uniform on the sides of the West.

Police with fire-hoses stood by at strategic points during the rally.

Many entry tickets were found to have been forged and a batch of new valid ones were hastily issued.

### COMMUNISTS SUSPECTED

The authorities suspected Communists or other left wing anti-German rearmament groups of having printed the bogus tickets.

The police reported "all quiet" as the meeting began. — United Press & Reuters.

### No Restrictions On Students' Movements

London, Feb. 16. Mr Stan Awbery (Labour) asked in the House of Commons today what restrictions the Colonial Secretary placed on colonial students in Britain as to where they spend their holidays.

He said two Malayan students were ordered by the Colonial Office to give up their studies in London within a few months of completing their three-year course and return home because they visited the USSR and China during their summer vacation.

Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd, the Colonial Secretary, replied: "Mr Awbery doubtless has in mind the case of an officer of the Johore State Civil Service holding a Johore State Civil Service scholarship, who disobeyed his Government's instruction that he should not undertake the visit in question."

"His scholarship was therefore withdrawn by the Johore State Authorities who instructed him to return home. He has hitherto refused to obey these instructions."

### WITH WIFE

He was accompanied by his wife on the visit and the State Government also decided where they should spend their holidays and did not do so in this case."

"My department does not normally place restrictions on colonial students' choice where they should spend their holidays and did not do so in this case."

Later, in reply to another question by Mr Awbery, Mr Lennox-Boyd said 597 students from the Federation of Malaya and Singapore were now studying in Britain under financial aid schemes. Six of them were taking arts and 178 science courses.

Mr Awbery asked what assurances had been given that the students would return to their own country on completing their course to help in its economic development.

Mr Lennox-Boyd replied: "All are required to return to their own country for service after completing their studies." — China Mail Special.

### Portuguese India Protest

Lisbon, Feb. 16. More than 30,000 inhabitants of the Portuguese Indian enclaves of Goa, Damão and Diu have signed a petition protesting against a union with India.

The petition was delivered here tonight to the Portuguese Premier Dr Antonio de Oliveira Salazar.

The document, drawn up by a Parliamentary representative from Portuguese India, presented the "solidarity" of the Portuguese Indian population with the mother country.



M. Antoine Pinay, the French Independent Leader after four-day talks failed to form a new Government to replace that of M. Mendes-France. This picture shows M. Pinay interviewing the Tunisian Prime Minister Habib Ben Ali in Paris. It was over the Tunisian crisis that M. Mendes-France's Government was defeated. — Express Photo.

### FLYING FISH PLENTIFUL

New Delhi, Feb. 16. Indian fishermen who were worried over the disappearance of flying fish from the Coromandel coast, have recently been getting bigger catches than ever before.

After two years of poor returns, flying fish fishery along India's southeastern Coromandel coast has made an excellent recovery.

In 1954, 1,853 tons of flying fish were landed compared to 325 tons in 1953 and 581 tons in 1952. Flying fish is usually found 20 to 40 miles from the coast and fishermen in their several-log catamarans (rafts) often get stranded in mid-ocean while on day-long expeditions chasing flying fish. — China Mail Special.

### Mayor Orders Disc Jockeys From Studio

New Orleans, Feb. 16. Two bearded and hungry disc jockeys staggered from a barricaded radio transmitter today, ending their non-stop playing of the record "Shtiggy Boom" after nearly 60 hours, on "orders" of Mayor de Lesseps Morrison.

The jockeys, Bill Elliott and Bill Stanley of radio station WNOE, had bent the tune into the ears of hardy listeners for 58 hours 40½ minutes.

"We're glad it's over," they chorused. "We'll never do it again."

The Mayor issued the "order" at the request of the song writer — Al Jarvis — on the stipulation that Jarvis should take the greetings of New Orleans Mardi Gras back to Los Angeles and invite Californians to the carnival.

STARTED AT NOON The "record-smashing" performance started at noon GMT Monday and ended at 2240 GMT today.

The cast came after Jarvis flew in today from Los Angeles, supposedly to put an end to the non-stop playing spree. But instead he brought the two a new supply of records of the tune.

Included were several different versions, not much like the original hill-billy version with which the two saturated the air waves.

"I figured they were tired of hearing the same version over and over," explained Jarvis.

At the end of the jazzed-up version of the tune, WNOE programme director Bill Stewart, in the station's main studio, said, "I guess the siege is over. We played the tune 1,329 times." — United Press.

### CHIMPANZEES MEMBERS OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS

Tel-Aviv, Feb. 16. CHIMPANZEES in the Tel-Aviv Zoo are now being classified as belonging to the Diplomatic Corps.

HOW the apes came to be included in such a distinguished group was told here by Zoo officials.

When the Superintendent applied to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry for an allocation of rice for the chimpanzees in his care, the official in charge of the distribution of rice refused the

## Third American Political Party Highly Unlikely

Washington, Feb. 16.

Democrat and Republican party leaders are discounting talk of a third party of hardcore ultra-conservative Republican supporters of the censured Senator Joseph McCarthy.

Their conviction that such a movement would "never get off the ground" is based primarily on the historical fact that the two-party system is so firmly entrenched that various splinter movements over recent decades have never been able to maintain themselves.

Talk of a breakaway by the extreme right-wing of the Republican Party has been current since Senator McCarthy, its most prominent figure, two years ago began open warfare on the policies of the Republican Administration of President Eisenhower which he branded as "soft on Communists."

It got now, but apparently temporary impetus, last weekend at a Chicago convention of a Committee of 1,000 Republicans at which Mr Bracken Lee, Governor of Utah, a solid McCarthy man, publicly suggested the formation of a third party to keep the nation from going "farther to the left."

### THE PROPOSAL

His proposal was that if the Republican Party convention later this year did not nominate for the presidency in 1956 a candidate fully acceptable to the extreme right-wing, they should then hold their own separate convention and put forward a third-party candidate.

Veteran politicians suspect that the Governor had himself, or Senator McCarthy, in mind as a third party candidate nominee although both men have denied any presidential ambitions.

The Senator has even declared publicly that he had no intention of organising or leading such a party.

Governor Lee's record as administrator in his state has been under sharp criticism and some influential newspapers draw the conclusion that his only chance of remaining in politics is the organisation of a splinter group. So far he has found little support in Republican ranks.

Utah's two Republican Senators — Lawrence Benett and Arthur Watkins — promptly denounced the third party suggestion with sharp disapproval.

Even Senator Everett Dirksen, a leading conservative and good friend of Senator McCarthy, said third party talk was "just nonsense."

Such a movement, if it ever came about, could hurt Republican chances of keeping the White House out of

### Pinay Admits Failure

## Unidentified Sub Sighted Off Florida Coast

Miami, Feb. 16.

The Coast Guard sighted an unidentified submarine only 30 miles from the Air Force's huge guided missile centre at Cocoa, Florida, today.

The Navy threw an anti-submarine squadron into a search for the mystery vessel.

The Coast Guard said one of its cutters sighted the submarine about 10 miles off Fort Pierce on the Florida East Coast. The submarine submerged when a small Coast Guard boat approached within a mile of it, the officer said.

The submarine was first seen around 5 a.m., the Coast Guard said. Officers noted a "red glow" in its conning tower and a light in the superstructure. An officer at the Jacksonville naval air station said the Navy had sent an anti-submarine squadron into a search for the

sub. But he would not reveal the number of planes engaged.

### THREE SQUADRONS

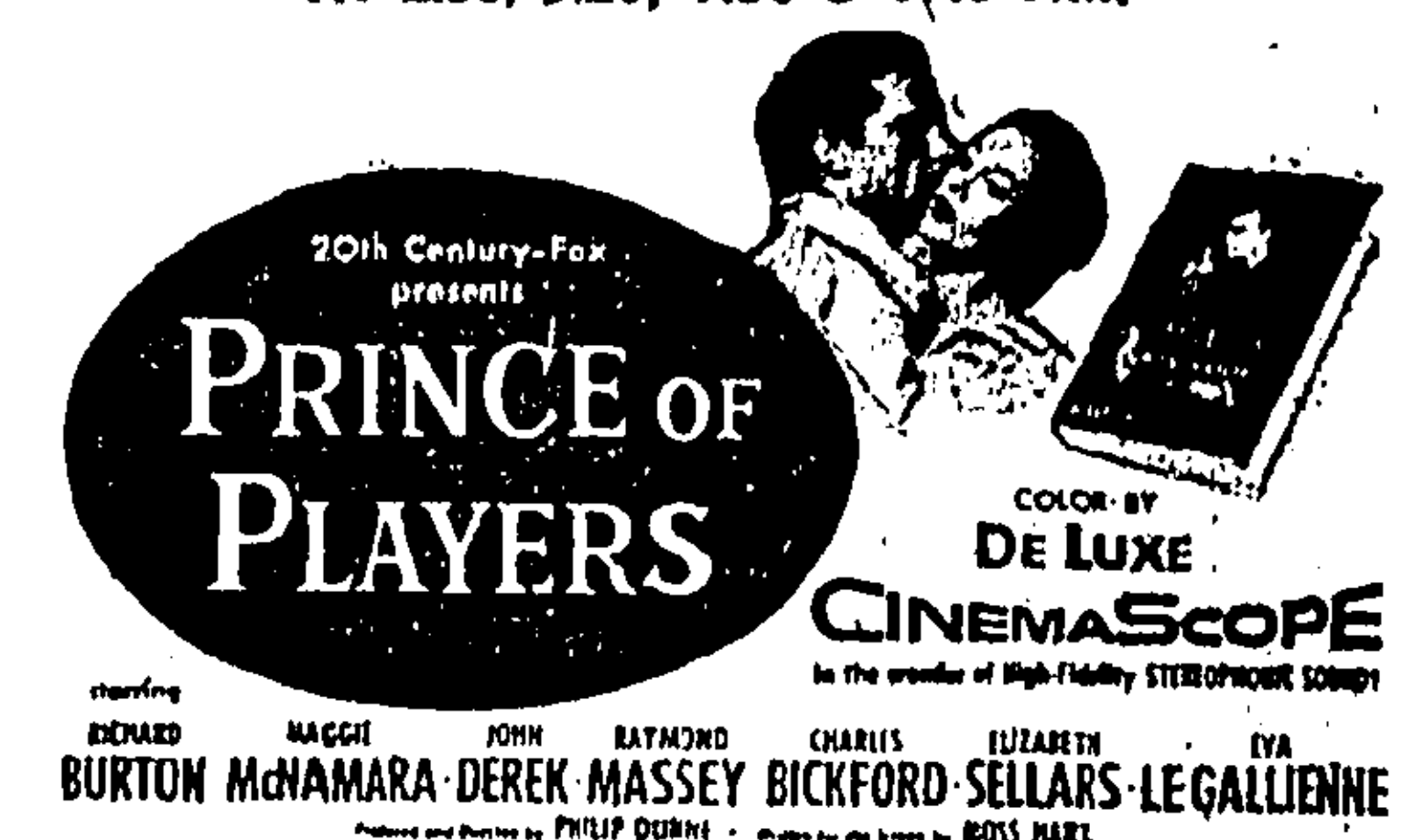
The Navy spokesman also said he did not believe it was known if the submarine had been identified as friendly or hostile.

"We have three squadrons available to carry out such missions," said the spokesman.

"But I don't feel free to release information concerning the number of planes we're using nor the extent of the area being covered." — United Press.

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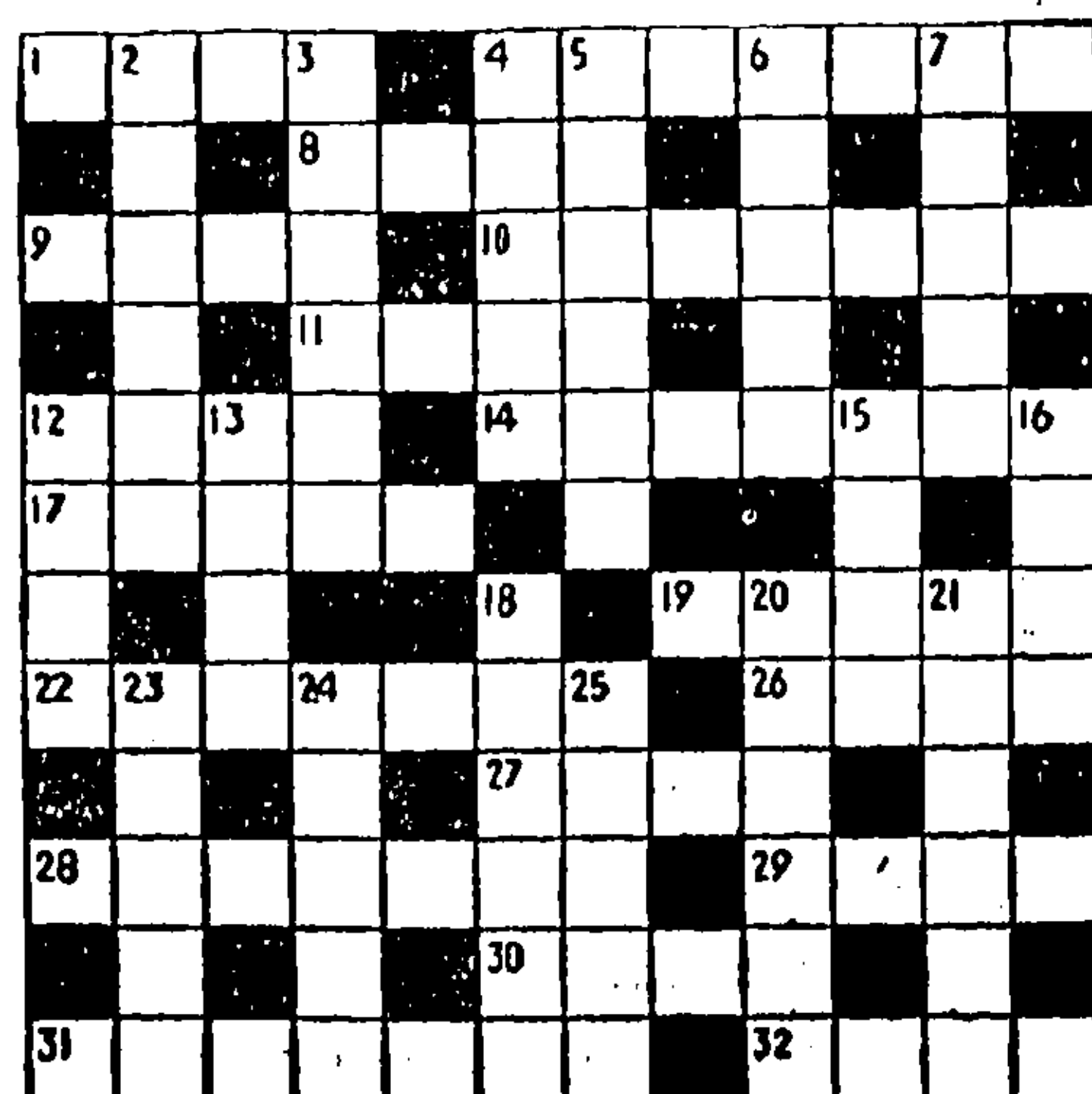
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### A British Crossword Puzzle



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YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1. Dodged, 5. Daunt, 8. Devil, 9. Gossip, 10. Gloria, 11. Truce, 12. Agree, 13. Order, 14. Avers, 15. Depend, 20. Cheap, 22. Zero, 23. Sewer, 25. Quota, 26. Rubber, 27. Ered, 28. Peers, 29. Decree, 30. Power, 31. Dogmatic, 32. Disunite, 33. Ed, 34. Dourly, 35. Decoy, 36. Affairs, 37. Nurse, 38. December, 39. Recourse, 40. Appare, 41. Enticed, 42. Raiser, 43. House, 44. Buck.



# ITALY FINDS WEALTH IN AN OLIVE GROVE

From Conrad Allen

Alanno, who discovered the Alanno field, and who are now investigating dozens of other sites along the Adriatic. They firmly believe that Italy will soon be ranked as an "oil country."

Alanno follows the discovery soon after the war of great quantities of methane (natural gas) in the Po Valley by AGIP, as the state-controlled Azienda Generale Italiana Petroli company is known.

The sources were rapidly developed, and the gas now supplies power for 15 percent of the country's industries.

That was already a big advance.

Then, some months ago, the Americans made their first strike in Sicily. Three wells drilled near Ragusa by the Gulf Company, a subsidiary of the Standard Oil Company, are now yielding about 100 tons daily.

The British, represented by the D'Arcy Company, also found oil in Sicily. But it was poor grade and needed too much pumping to be brought to the surface. So the well was closed and the company tried elsewhere.

And now the Alanno strike—confirming the rosiest dreams of the geologists.

As a result the oil rush is on.

The Italian AGIP company monopolizes this whole Po Valley which, according to experts, contains not only gas but also great quantities of oil.

But the rest of the country is still open to the world's big oil concerns. British and American as well as French, Dutch and German oil companies are rushing experts to Italy.

On the Rome stock exchange the shares of oil refineries are bounding. The Communists are busy too. Characteristically, they launched a campaign urging Catholic Premier Mario Scelba to follow Mussolini's example in Persia to nationalise the country's oil, starting with Alanno.

## First Strike

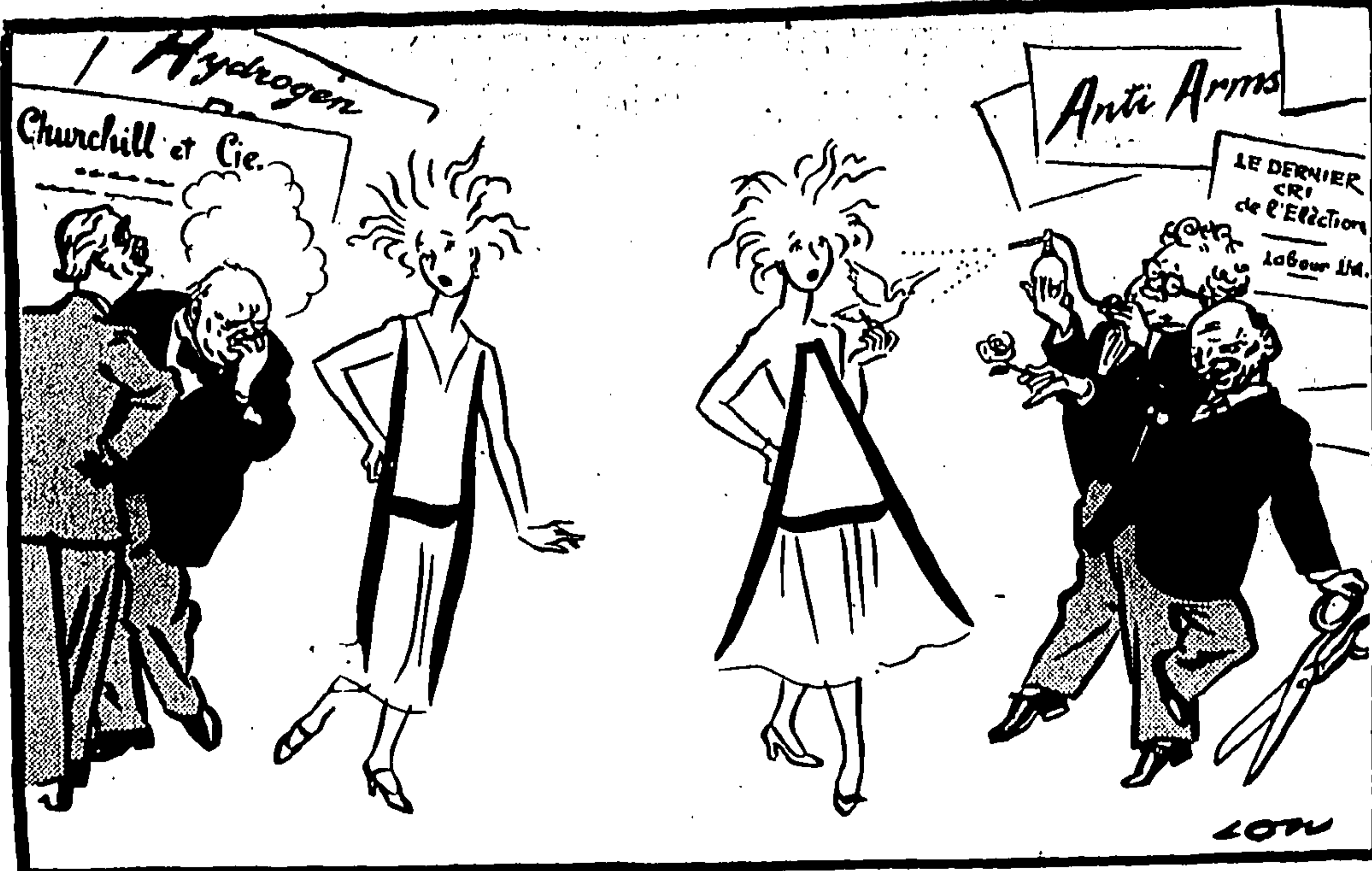
## Enormous Pool

With geologist Ludovico Ratschiller beside me, I watched the tolling peasants pause occasionally to stare at the shiny American cars, at the heavy trucks loaded with machinery, at the huge derrick rearing up against the classically beautiful landscape.

A people who for centuries have tended olive groves, they scarcely grasped the significance of it all.

Under our feet, Signor Ratschiller asserted, was an enormous pool of overflowing oil. "Within five years, Italy will be able to export oil. The place is full of the stuff. This history will be remembered in history," he said.

Signor Ratschiller knows what he is talking about. He is one of the team of six American and Italian scientists



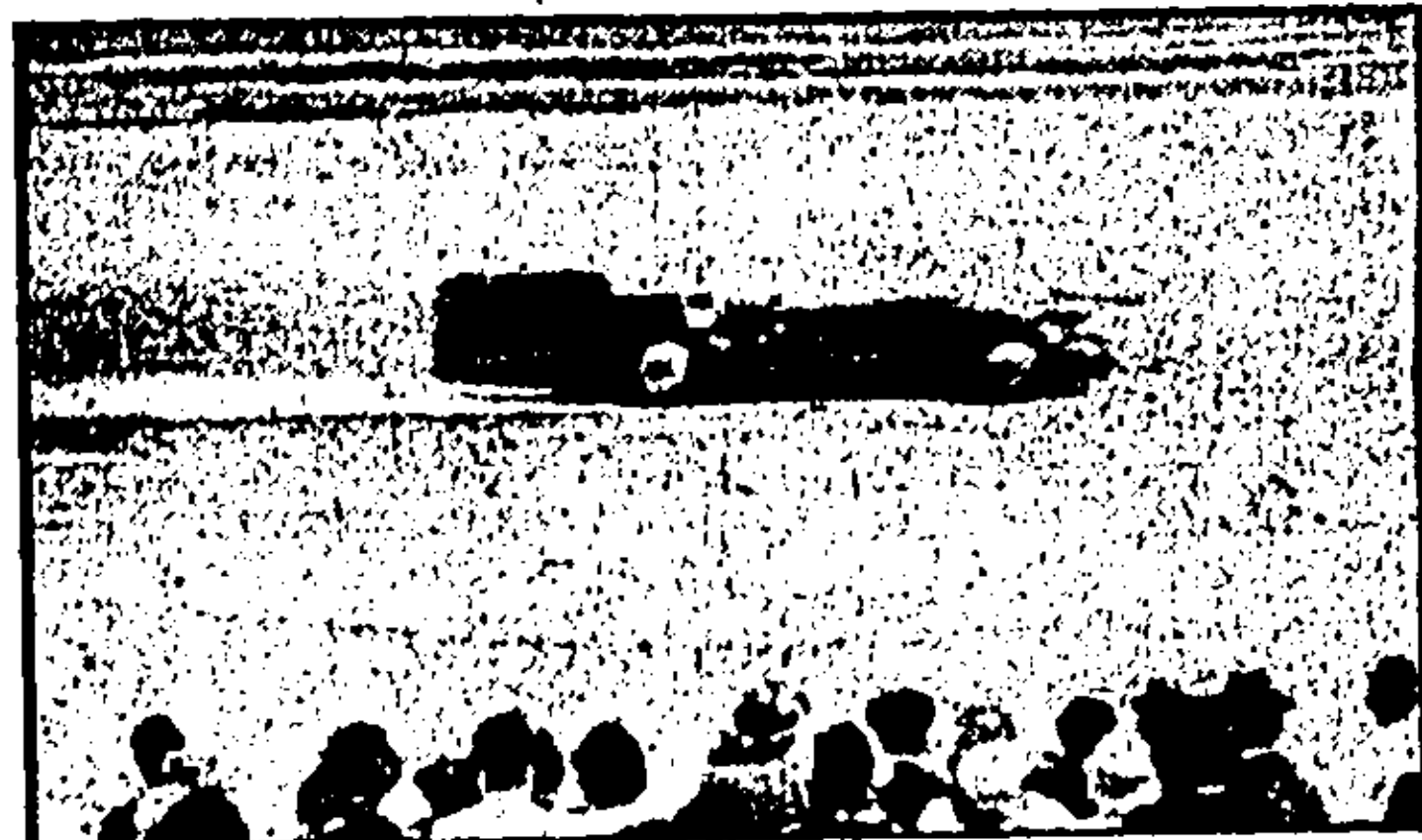
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Still on the Sunshine Trail, DON IDDON finds

# A FAMILY OF 83 MILLIONAIRES

Big changes on the beach where Campbell made news... 10 mph was my Daytona speed limit



Remember? In 1933, at Daytona, Sir Malcolm Campbell in Bluebird did 272 m.p.h.

THE sign said: "Drive on the beach where Sir Malcolm Campbell broke the world's speed record" and I eased my Buick through the tunnel under the big Princess Isenay Hotel right on to the beach.

Another sign said: "Speed limit ten miles per hour." So on this magnificent stretch of hard white sand where Sir Malcolm Campbell drove close to 300 m.p.h. I had to crawl. Beach police on motor-cycles saw to that.

## Citrus kings

I've never seen such a broad dead-straight ribbon of sand as Daytona's, which is 23 miles long and 600ft. wide at low tide.

Sir Malcolm is well remembered here and so are motor-ing reporters who used to come all the way from England to cover the speed attempts.

At the Princess Hotel the barman said: "Yes, Sir Malcolm was very popular. He used to drink champagne, but not, of course, on the nights before he drove. Reporters weren't quite so popular."

## A bargain

THEY still have racing cars here, and Daytona Beach's "Speed Week" has started. I shall not be here to see the racing, as I've received a "hurry-up" call to return to New York.

It has been an interesting 2,500-mile trip, and if I want to fly or go back on "The Orange Blossom Special"—streamliner similar to the Twentieth Century Limited—which takes 24 hours to New York, garage men here will drive my car back for 75 dollars.

This seems to me quite a bargain, as the drive down cost 40 dollars in petrol and oil alone, apart from my expenses staying at motels and for meals.

I've found that people in Florida are very hard to please—more so than New Yorkers, who are independent and sometimes ill-mannered. There is fierce competition for many tourists' dollar and many garages even wash your car without charge if you buy ten gallons of gasoline.

Their service is excellent—tyres checked, windshield and windows cleaned, battery topped up, water and oil checked.

Florida is a State of handsome men and lovely women, often working in lowly jobs. In this way, it resembles California.

where. People park their yachts or cabin cruisers in their back gardens.

Fort Lauderdale publicly drums say: "Do you know another town where 5,000 citizens park boats in their backyards?"

I don't know another town which has 5,000 people who own boats.

For Lauderdale has five miles of public beaches and almost as many miles of canals, all man-made, with trim green banks, palm trees, and orange groves.

Its beauty is breath-taking, and the luxury stores of New York. Just as they moved into Palm Beach's Worth Avenue have set up branch shops in Fort Lauderdale.

It is a very rich little town which is growing bigger and richer. Ten years ago its population was only 18,000. Today it is 58,000. There are perhaps more millionaires to the square foot in Fort Lauderdale than any place outside of Texas. You do not have to own a yacht, but it helps socially.

## Pleasant change

THIS wonderful town of water-ways doesn't want any part of Jacksonville's industries or even Daytona Beach's motor races. It is quite content with its yachts.

St Augustine has a different enchantment. It is not merely the oldest city in Florida but it is the oldest city in the entire United States, and it is unspoiled.

## Breath-taking

I CHECKED on his figure and found that at least 40 members of the Lykes family are worth over \$5,000,000 apiece. Eighty-three millionaires can't be wrong.

My two favourite towns in Florida after Palm Beach and Miami, which are phenomena, not just cities, are Fort Lauderdale and St Augustine.

Fort Lauderdale, which is midway between Miami and Palm Beach, and where I stayed overnight on the return journey north, is the Venice of the United States. There is water every-

# SANDY THE BOY FRIEND TINKLES INTO HISTORY

By JOHN BARBER

London. A SLIM, darkly handsome man of 30 in a scarlet pullover sits over a midget piano in a Swiss Cottage basement. He talks gravely and tidily, like a classics schoolmaster.

I perch on a divan bed and he sings, through a cold, a song about Sweet Jane (who hasn't got a lot of brain).

Jane, I gather, is history's Jane Seymour, and the young man has just spent 10 weeks writing a musical comedy about her husband, Henry VIII. "It will cost about £25,000 to stage," he says calmly. "I think of calling it 'Oh, Henry.'"

The idea is to put it on at Drury Lane, the first English show there for eight years.

It sounds a crazy pipe-dream in this frugal flat. A shopping-bag hangs near the paraffin stove. But the little can be inked up by the doorbell outside reads: WILSON—Please press hard.

## Unchanged

The dreamer at the piano is Sandy Wilson, author-composer of the current smash-hit of London and New York, "The Boy Friend." He is earning around £1,000 a week.

Sandy's enormous success (he sold the film rights to the other day) has left him unchanged and untouched. He lives just as he did when he wrote his hit in this same basement, a nobody.

He has written the biggest first-show success since "French Without Tears" which, possibly, was the American producers' inspired on ramping up "The Boy Friend"—he ticks,

enough, a limousine, a Mayfair flat, and 15 Savile Row suits.

Sandy has no car. He belongs to no smart clubs. On his few nights out, he eats in Soho. "I am not acquisitive—I don't care for antiques and things."

He likes reading novels, but he borrows them from a circulating library. He is vaguely thinking of getting a house in Hampstead, but is leaving the choice to his business manager.

How did he celebrate the success of his lovely show? He redecorated the kitchen.

## Unhappy

"Oh, Henry" will have a full orchestra and chorus. He died before reaching London, but not before teaching Sandy about actors' temperaments, midnight rehearsals, and all the foam and fury of putting on a show.

A few days ago Sandy packed his papers into the synthetic leather briefcase he bought in New York and went to Sir Alexander Korda's mansion in Kensington Park Gardens.

He took a lift to the first floor and there, surrounded by Renoir and Modigliani paintings, in a chaotic, elegant, ambassadorial room, he drank coffee and sang and played all afternoon.

"MaggieNEEcent," purred the 61-year-old film magnate. "My film lasted 20 years. Now I know your musical version will live as long." For "Oh, Henry" is based on the famous 1938 film "The Private Life of Henry VIII."

Sandy writes as he lives, not to impress but to satisfy his own quiet tastes. And when dash in the pen or the first episode of a glorious career? This autumn, with "Oh, Henry," we shall know.

He kicked so hard they shut him out of rehearsals. He is still unhappy about the New York production. He regrets bitterly that he will never know if Broadway would have liked the show as he wrote it.

In all things Alexander Galbraith Wilson is a Scot. His downiness, his caution, and his charm are almost Highland. He is arrogantly sure of what he wants. Which is not to say he is conceited.

He won't a scholarship to Harrow, another to Oxford, tried acting, then decided to write.

At the Old Vic school he learned stage technique. His songs were first heard in a Jack Waller show, "Caprice." It died before reaching London, but not before teaching Sandy about actors' temperaments, midnight rehearsals, and all the foam and fury of putting on a show.

## Black Crows

All he can think of now is "Oh, Henry." Show business watches for it none too kindly. He knows everybody will be sitting like black crows waiting for him to put both feet wrong.

"Out goes the joint!" cries lusty Henry VIII in his new show, after beheading a wife. "Bang!" In comes the sweet "as he greets her successor."

Will the new musical reign royally, or be beheaded at night? Clearly, Sandy straps his briefcase.

"I know it is right for me," he smiles. "I don't know if anyone will like it."

Was "The Boy Friend" a dash in the pen or the first episode of a glorious career? This autumn, with "Oh, Henry," we shall know.

New-old light on the world enigma

# The 'Napoleon' Who Waits In Moscow

—By PETER KIRK

THERE is a pattern in revolutions which should not be overlooked. Consider this:—

A popular rising takes place against an autocratic government. A liberal leader emerges, but he does not have the ruthlessness to rule a country in chaos.

A more extreme party takes over and for a time an extremist dictator (but yet a man of some humanity and brilliance) becomes the leader. Soon, however, he gives way to a harder man, a man cold as ice, and the revolution devours its children.

All those capable of opposition are put out of the way.

His rule is long but inevitably it must end, and the men who succeed him are like pygmies compared with him.

They decide to end personal rule; there must be government by committee, but the people are not accustomed to this. They know only personal rule and the government soon gets into difficulties.

The one stable force in the country — the Army — takes over power.

Yet through it all there is one man who is constant — the Foreign Minister.

Do you recognise the pattern? Isn't it what has been happening in Russia since 1917?

And yet it is not Russia, or what has happened there since 1917, that I have been describing. The events I have in mind took place in France between 1789 and 1797, and the result was Napoleon.

The parallel is astonishing.

There are, of course, minor deviations. Kerensky, the liberal Russian, is still alive, while Mirabeau, his French counterpart, died of a broken heart.

Lenin and Stalin died in their beds, while Danton and Robespierre, the French equivalents, went to the guillotine.

But despite these differences, the formula is the same.

The Army is taking over Russia. Under our eyes, the Revolution of 1917 is reaching its ultimate fulfilment.

The heroes of the "great fatherland war," as the Russians call their struggle against the Nazis from 1941-1945, are trooping to the seats of power.

Brought back into prominence from which he has been excluded since the end of the war, is Marshal Kozlov.

We have Nikolai Bulganin, the master planner and brilliant administrator, as Prime Minister of the Soviet Union.

And hard on his heels come the great commander in the field — Gregory Konstantinovich Zhukov, the conqueror of Berlin and the only man whose popularity once rivalled that of Stalin. He is now Minister of Defence.

Who, then, is the "Napoleon"?

I believe it is likely to be Zhukov, the key figure in the astonishing events which have taken place in Moscow so recently.

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# DAWSON THE DIPLOMAT COULD HAVE SAVED WHAT DICTATOR DAWSON RUINED

By I. M. MacTAVISH

Have you ever promised yourself the enjoyment of a real slap-up meal only to find that the steak was tough, the plates were cold, the wine rough and distasteful... and the maitre d'hotel inefficient?

If you've ever had that experience then you will have a pretty good idea just how most of us felt by the end of this much boasted game yesterday. This was no champagne football... it wasn't even a fair substitute... it was dreggy as dreggy could be, and left a very bad taste in the mouth.

Let us however, get certain facts clearly established. The Australians were very unlucky not to score a decisive victory over a Hongkong side that staged the biggest failure in years... and if the visitors had been a little more efficient, the wrong end of some over zealous and biased refereeing then there are few fair-minded spectators who will not agree that there is more than just a medium of substance to their attitude.

The clamour for better refereeing in the Colony was never a call for more favours for local players. It was not a call for all visitors to be treated as home-owners to be kept.

Neither was it a call for a change in the rules of the game. It was a call for a change in the attitude of the players and the referee.

## Six Entries In American Zone Of Davis Cup

New York, Feb. 16. Six nations — Australia, the British West Indies, Canada, Cuba, Mexico and Pakistan — have entered for the North American zone of the 1955 Davis Cup competition, the United States Lawn Tennis Association announced here today.

The entries closed yesterday but the Association said it did not know when the draw would be made. With the United States now holding the Cup, the Association is responsible for this year's competition. The six-nation entry means there will be two matches and two byes in the first round to determine the four to go into the semi-finals of the zone.

The winner of the zone will have another match to decide the nation which will challenge the United States for the cup. Its opponent will probably be the winner of the European zone. But the winner of that zone must first meet the winner of the Far East zone before meeting the North American zone winner.—Reuter.

## One More Year For Vic Seixas In Top Class Tennis

New York, Feb. 16. Vic Seixas, the 31-year-old United States Singles Champion, has decided to spend only one more year in top class international lawn tennis before retiring. His final round will take in the French Championships in Paris and Wimbledon, where he was Champion in 1953. Seixas and his Davis Cup mate, Tony Trabert, arrived in New York by air today from the Pacific coast on their way home from their victorious Davis Cup matches in Australia.—China Mail Special.

# Interim British Heavyweight Title Suggested

By SYDNEY HULLS

Johnny Williams' fight against Jack Gardner at Nottingham, on April 4, should be over 15 rounds for the Interim Heavyweight Championship of Great Britain and the Empire. Who says that? Williams' manager Ted Broadbribb.

At the moment the match between ex-heavyweight champion Williams of Rugby and Gardner of Market Harborough, the fighting formers, is a 12-round final eliminator, the winner to challenge Don Cockell for his British and Empire titles.

"Right," says Broadbribb. "Then we have to wait for Cockell to fight world heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano. After Cockell and Marciano have met eventually, we will have to wait some more for Gardner's next move. I feel if Cockell wins he'll be too trapped up in world title fights to defend his British and Empire titles."

"If he loses I think he may look at this huge world title purse, be contented, call it a day and retire."

LONG DRAWN-OUT "With Cockell retired there may have to be more long drawn-out eliminator series. Or else Gardner and Williams would have to fight all over again for the vacant Championship. That could all be cleared up by making an Interim Champion. Williams' next fight will be at the 3,000 capacity, Newtown Pavilion, Montgomeryshire, on Saturday, March 5. Over ten rounds possibly against Italian Uber Baellier.

This will be Williams' first fight near his birthplace of Newtown, about 30 miles from Newtown.

It will also be only his second fight in Wales—the first was against Mick Wilde at Poethcawl in 1949.

Unless you count the time he drew with Johnny Houslow over eight rounds at Newport in 1947. But deciding whether Newell is in England or Wales has got to be decided already.

(London Express Service).

## BRITISH TRIUMPH



Gordon Pirie of Britain leads the field just after the start of the 8 1/2-mile International Cross Country Race at Hainui, Belgium. He won the race in 43 minutes 5 seconds, finishing 28 seconds ahead of Frank Sando (Britain) with Ken Norris, also of Britain, in third place. The world's leading cross country runners competed in the race. This was one of the rare occasions in International Cross Country history when a team scored the maximum points.—Express Photo.

# Colony Tennis Championships

Ho Cheung-po, the Schoolboy Champion, put up a plucky fight before going down to Tsui Yun-pui, a former Colony Champion, on the third day of the Colony Grass-court Tennis Championships at Chater Road yesterday.

Seven matches were played, including the continuation of the encounter between Kenneth Lo and Chung Wing-kwong which resulted in a win for the former by 3-6, 6-3, 7-5.

V. T. Wang was eliminated from the tournament when he failed to appear and conceded a walkover to M. Lo. There was one other walkover when Cheung Chow did not arrive for his scheduled game against K. Y. Chang.

Ho Cheung-po started off in a grand style in his match against Tsui Yun-pui, winning the first set by 6-2.

But in the second set Tsui found Ho's weakness and played the baseline game. This paid dividends and Tsui won by 6-4. In the final set saw the schoolboy third and Tsui won five games in a row. Ho did not give up and put up a stern fight to take the next three games. But the more experienced Tsui put on the pressure to win the match and set at 6-3.

Edwin Tsui, second seeded player, dropped only two games and came out an easy winner against Au Kam-moon.

Scotland Retains Winning XV To Meet Ireland

Edinburgh, Feb. 16. Scotland have chosen the team that beat Wales by 14 points to fight 10 days ago, to meet Ireland in their Rugby Union International at Murrayfield on Saturday week.

The team: A. Cameron (Captain), A. R. Smith, M. E. Elgie, R. G. Charters, J. S. Smith, J. K. T. Docherty, J. A. Nichol, H. F. McLeod, W. C. L. Ralph, T. Elliot, E. J. S. Michie, J. W. Y. Kemp, W. S. Glen, J. Greenwood, A. Robertson.—Reuter.

# Scoring Goals Is His Business

"Football is My Business" was the title of Tommy Lawton's controversial book. "Scoring goals in My Business" would be more applicable to this 34-year-old Arsenal and former England, Burnley, Everton, Chelsea, Notts County and Brentford centre-forward. The only trouble this occupation has caused has been to opposition defences.

Arsenal recently won three vital matches by the only goal of the game. And the scorer on each occasion? You've guessed it—Tommy Lawton.

First to succumb to the wit of Mr Lawton were Chelsea on Boxing Day. They had most of the play. They failed to take their chances. Arsenal were scrambling to a solitary point, when up popped Tommy Lawton to snatch both from his former club.

ONLY BRIGHT SPOT Cardiff City were Arsenal's opponents at Highbury in the FA Cup. Again, the only bright spot of a drab match was Lawton's match winning goal four minutes from the end.

Spurs must have had regrets over being one of the few clubs to play during the recent snow blizzard. They had most of the play. Their football was the more attractive. But mid-way through the second half, from a Lishman pass, the Arsenal centre-forward swivelled and hit a powerful low drive into the corner past a helpless Spurs' goalkeeper.

SO HE CAME BACK So Tommy came back. He is now almost as big a menace to centre-halves as ever. He's lost a little speed. But the class remains. So does the power.

Lawton has been scoring goals all his life. In three seasons of schoolboy football he hit the back of the net 570 times.

Although born in Bolton, Lancashire was his first League club.

Goals were not so easy to get in the higher grade. But Lawton scored 18 for Burnley's 'A' team and three for the Central League side in 13 appearances. Then he got his big chance. Still a ground-staff boy, and only 16, he was chosen to lead Burnley's attack against Doncaster Rovers, in 1930.

But Lawton was a restless young man. He moved to Chelsea, where he was involved in a much publicised dispute before being transferred to Notts County. Publicity followed him. Tommy was reported to be earning over £3,000 a year through newspaper articles and a job in industry apart from his wages as a player. He became the first-ever professional footballer to pay surtax.

CAPPED 23 TIMES In between Lawton and the transfers, Lawton was capped for England 23 times, and became one of the most popular players of the day.

When Arsenal visited Moscow recently, to play the Dynamo, there was one man all the Russians wanted to see — Tommy Lawton.

(London Express Service)



Tommy Lawton

Tommy Lawton had done it again.

Three wins: four precious League points for Arsenal and a passage into the fourth round of the Cup. Thanks to Lawton's three goals.

Yet, when Lawton joined Arsenal from Brentford, having resigned from his post of player-manager with the then Second Division club, he brought more controversy to an already controversial career.

# Moore Offers Fight Cockell And Valdez On Same Night

Toledo, Ohio, Feb. 16. Archie Moore, high-ranking Toledo heavyweight, said last night he had sent a telegram to the Governor of California urging him to prevent Champion Rocky Marciano from defending his title against Don Cockell of England at San Francisco in May.

Moore offered to take on both Nino Valdez and Cockell on the same night. "I will fight Valdez and Cockell on the same night," Moore said. "I will make a slow starter and he will warm me up for Valdez."—United Press.

Moore said he doubted that Rocky is afraid of him, but said his manager, Al Weill, was "afraid to let him fight me."

"CHERRY PICKER" Moore was highly critical of the match and called Marciano a "cherry picker."

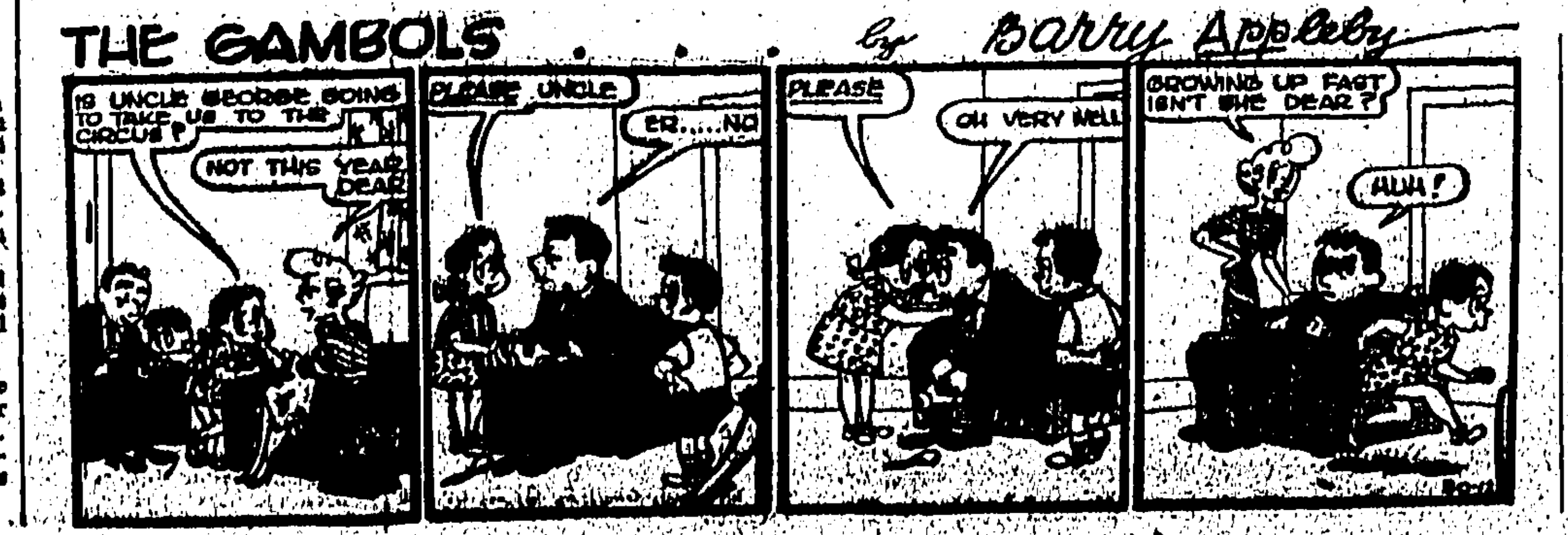
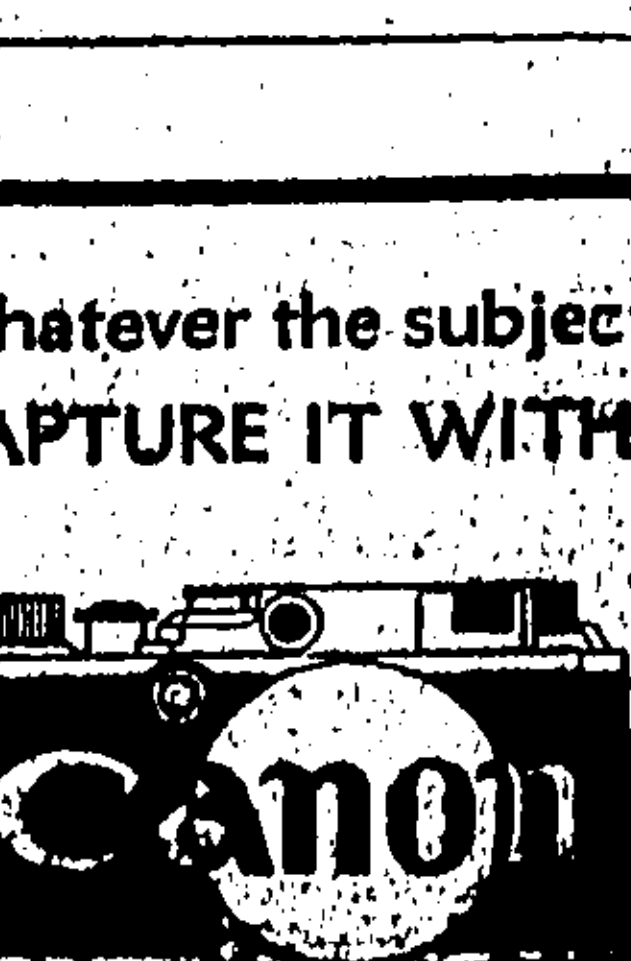
"I know Rocky has to make a living but he does not have to fight the dogs from Jugg," said Moore. "If he wants some big money, let him fight me and I'll have a million-dollar gate."

Intending entrants are again reminded by the Committee that applications for competition and entrants' licences should be made as soon as possible to Mr. Paul Du Ruit, Diocesan Boys' School, Mong Kok, Kowloon.

## Macao Grand Prix Brought Forward To November 5-6

It has been learned that the date of the Macao Grand Prix has been altered from November 13 to that of November 5. The programme now covers November 5 and 6 (Armistice Day).

Whatever the subject CAPTURE IT WITH





## WARNING TO HUNGARIAN FOOTBALL STARS

SOCIALIST ATHLETES  
MUST NOT INDULGE IN  
BLACK MARKET DEALS

By RITCHIE McEWEN

Budapest.

The Hungarian Government is preparing to step in and clip the fine feathers of Hungary's football elite if star players don't "take the hint" and mend their ways. It is not for nothing, I discover, that the top thirty players are known to the fans as "Millionaires' Row."

Spilt, overpaid, and overprivileged, they live on a scale achieved only by the "top brass" in the Government, a few key civil servants, star performers in opera and the ballet, and a handful of national figures in other branches of sport.

Warning No. 1 came last month when Ferenc Puskas, the idol of every Hungarian schoolboy, signed a "full confession" for publication in "Nep Sport", the leading sporting newspaper, admitting that:

- (a) He drank too much.
- (b) He ate too much.
- (c) He was overbearing and inconsiderate to all and sundry.

This sensation and abject "confession" ended with fulsome promises to be "a good boy in future."

## "UNSPORTSMANLIKE"

Warning No. 2 appeared last week in the form of a leading article in the powerful Government political newspaper, Magyar Nemzet. "It is not fair play or sportsmanlike," declares the paper, "to indulge in black market activities with such goods as British textiles, Swedish shoes, nylon underwear, razor blades, Swiss watches and crocodile skin braces."

The article concludes: "Jozsef Bozsik, one of the country's most popular footballers has promised, in the name of all athletes, to behave in future in a manner worthy of Socialist athletes."

Nevertheless, in spite of these warnings, it is, in fact, the Hungarian Government which is to blame for the national football scandal.

Fearing that their star players might turn traitor and decide to stay on the other side of the Iron Curtain when on tour, the players were given a tacit understanding that anything they could bring in with their personal luggage would not be controlled by the Customs.

In other words, they were given full diplomatic immunity, and carte blanche to enter the

## STAGGERING PROPORTION

Beginning with a few pairs of Nylons and a lipstick for the missus, the "soccer racket" has now reached staggering proportions.

A few weeks after the Hungarian football team returned from the World Cup Games in Switzerland, the Government was forced to reduce the prices of Hungarian Nylons (made in Hungary from imported thread from the USA) from 94/- to a mere three guineas a pair because Hungarian women were buying American Nylons at £25 a dozen on the "free market"—by courtesy of the Hungarian football players!

Meanwhile, 55, Columbus Avenue is the Budapest address of the "Little Ox", better known to fans as the just mentioned Major Ferenc Puskas, Captain of the Hungarian football team and "Confessor-in-Chief."

Set well back from the road in its own large garden, the luxurious Puskas home—could almost call it a "residence"—cost a grateful Government £12,000!

The interior decoration and the furnishing—all in the modern style—cost "about as much," so Mrs. Puskas told me when I went to their home for dinner the other evening.

## NO SPARTAN AFFAIR

In view of the famous "confession", I was expecting dinner to be a Spartan affair, but a bit of it, Chicken soup—a meal in itself, followed by Paprika Chicken, a traditional Hungarian dish, with noodles and rice, and to wind up with, two glass of beer, consisting mostly of ice cream, chocolate and large helpings of whipped cream!

When I tackled "Pusi" about his "confession" he could only report that he doesn't smoke, never eat breakfast and only has lunch when due to turn out for a strenuous bout of training.

## HARD-WORKING CZAR

Gustav Sebes, Hungary's dapper, unassuming soccer czar (with the imposing title of Vice-Minister of Sport) tells me that he has just completed the second and final volume of his "History of Hungarian Football," which is devoted entirely to Hungary's parting preparations for the World Cup Games.

The first volume of the "History," which is intended as a text book and "soccer bible" for Hungarian managers, trainers and players, is due out in April, and will be published in three, possibly four languages, including English.

English football will figure prominently in this volume: "For," smiled Sebes, "what history of football anywhere would be complete without a chapter or two on the country which gave us this great exhilarating game?"

The second volume to be published sometime this summer, is devoted entirely to Hungary's parting preparations for the World Cup Games.

## "AN OPEN BOOK"

"When you've read this, and studied the many plans and sketches, the detailed diet scales and menus," Minister Sebes assured me, "the 'secrets' of Hungarian football will read like an open book."

Gustav Sebes' deep-rooted respect for English football goes back over 30 years to the time when he himself was a star player with the Budapest club, MTK—which has long since ceased to exist—in the early 20's.

In those days young Gustav was the club's star centre-forward and was trained by none other than that great veteran of English soccer, Jimmy Hogan.

Recalling the old days as he chatted in his luxurious office at the Ministry of Sport in Budapest, Gustav Sebes told me that it was Professor Arthur Yelland (in those days a young scholar from Hockley) who really taught the Hungarians to play football and organised their first club 58 years ago.

Today, the octogenarian lives in quiet retirement in a Budapest suburb on a tiny Government pension after some forty years of service as a Professor of English at the Budapest University.

When I visited him the other day, I found the "Father of Hungarian Football" in bed. "I suffer," he said, "from a thirteenth disease known as St. Vitus heart, and six weeks ago I suffered a collapse. I shall have to take it easy for a time, and that's why you see me in bed."

## "COME ON A BIT"

"I remember so well the early days when Hungarian football was still in the Kindergarten stage. But," he chuckled, "they've come on a bit since then, haven't they?"

Though ill, the 81-year-old veteran from Chester does not show his age and, even in bed, showed more vitality and vigour than many a younger man.

Keeping the "younger generation" in reasonable training during the off-season and curbing the bumptious and arrogant behaviour of some of the star players in public is something of a major headache in Hungary, and occupies almost as much of Gustav Sebes' time as working out future plans and new systems of play for the national team.

With a twinkle in his eye, the Vice-Minister of Sport told me that he found the best method of keeping his charges under "reasonable control" was to interview their wives, mothers and sweethearts from time to time, and enlist their aid.

## BEST MANAGERS

"Once they are convinced," he said, "the womenfolk are the best managers you could wish for, and woe betide the player who goes against their wishes!"

Soccer is more than a sport in Hungary: it is the national pastime, and one out of every 18 inhabitants now fills up his or her weekly "coupon."

By incorporating games from all over the world, the Hungarian punter can play the Pools practically every week throughout the year, and prizes are substantial.

In return for a two-shilling stake for a "two attempts" coupon, the Hungarian Pools addict may win as much as £15,000.

The Pools are State-run, and only 40 per cent of the total stake money is returned in winnings. Ten per cent goes in administration costs, and 50 per cent is invested in "capital equipment"—new sporting arenas, playing fields, sports equipment and the organisation of sporting events.

## SERIOUS BUSINESS

The Hungarian punter takes his Pools seriously. So seriously that the Pools authorities had to give up including British games a year ago because of complaints from angry clients who had to post their coupons by mid-day Saturday.

"Hungarian Pools players," explained Gyula Marosi, the national trainer, "require plenty of time to fill up their columns and like to spend the whole of Saturday evening and Sunday morning assessing the chances of the respective teams."

"By including only games played on Sunday afternoons, we need only post off our coupon by 11 o'clock on Sunday."

"If only you'd play your games on Sunday instead of Saturday, we would have had British games on the coupon every week!"

In four years British soccer has lost nearly five million fans—representing nearly £500,000 gate money... Charlton Athletic, tipped for the Cup and League "double", draw an average crowd of 23,000. Their ground holds 80,000. On one Saturday last January snow, ice and fog wiped out 41 of the 62 League games in Britain and cost clubs £30,000.

Mud-Bath Soccer Isn't  
Going To Help Draw  
In Cash Customers

By ERIC NICHOLLS

Stepping boldly into the soccer limelight with an answer to the alarming loss of Football League cash customers comes Bert Johnson. Once a star Charlton half-back, Johnson is now master tactician in the managerial chair at Charlton's "nursery" club, Bexleyheath and Welling. And the Johnson formula? Split the season in two. Take a six-week break from the beginning of January until mid-February. Play on after the normal ending in May, completing fixtures on Saturday evenings.

But it is not only the sagging winter "gates" which prompt these revolutionary suggestions. They are designed to aid groundsmen and players.

"Pitches got churned up in January," explains Bert. "It takes weeks to get them in shape again. And all those knocks, and muscle trouble which players suffer in heavy going, would have a good chance of recovering."

"Instead of the lads going stale, as they sometimes do after the half-way mark, and playing half-heartedly because they haven't had time to get over their knocks, they would come back fresh for the second session."

## A NEW PUBLIC

"And there's another thing," says Bert warming to the subject. "Saturday evening matches in early summer would attract an entirely new public. Shopkeepers for instance, can't watch football in the afternoon. And think of all the people who lounge around the local parks over the week-end. With nothing better to do, they would be glad to watch football."

There are, of course, numerous problems and snags to be ironed out before such a plan could operate. Bert realises this.

When would the Cup Final be played? The fall end of a season, after the final, would prove an anti-climax. And how would cricket react?

The Bexleyheath manager feels the weather experts should be left to decide which six weeks would be left free of soccer.

"There is no real guarantee that any one six-week period will be better or worse than the other. But while after February north-easterly winds help drain the pitch, in January and early February night frosts and morning thaw only make matters worse," he says.

## MUST DO SOMETHING

Will the Football League or FA take notice of these suggestions?

England's Unluckiest  
Cricketer Isn't Very  
Lucky At Football

When the liner ss. Strathmore docks at Tilbury on February 20, down the gangway will step England's unluckiest cricketer.

Five months ago aboard the ss. Orsova, Jim McConnon left Tilbury, full of confidence, and hope, with the MCC party bound for Australia.

Now dejected, downhearted, but not broken, "Big Jim" returns alone. He has been sent home because of a broken finger, an injury which ruled out any chance of playing a part in England's great Ashes victory.

## GETTING USE TO IT

The 31-year-old Glamorgan off-spin bowler is getting used to hard knocks and disappointments. This is the second tour out short for him by injury. In 1953 he was sent home from India to have a knee operation.

Before the war, he was a footballer at Aston Villa's books. He went home to the north-east when Villa Park closed in 1939.

Villa started up again. One week-end they were short of a wing half. They went to McConnon. On his way to his old Birmingham digs he fell off a bus in the Blackpool. He landed up at Villa Park next day—on two sticks.

Villa called on Jim twice more. This time he fell and strained a wrist. On the cricket field he has broken his nose, dislocated a

finger, and missed the 1953 home season because of knee trouble.

McConnon did not take part in any of the first three Tests in Australia. But he played in five first class matches, taking eight wickets for 287 runs, and scoring 88 runs. Fielding against Queensland in Brisbane, he suffered a groin injury, and had to have hospital treatment.

Then came the match in Hobart against a Combined XI, and the broken finger.

## CONTROVERSY

His being sent home caused considerable controversy. The MCC were criticised for a "heartless gesture." In turn the MCC criticised the newspapers in a lengthy statement which said the decision to send him home was made with McConnon's full agreement.

Married, with two children, Jim has on occasions dodged bad luck. In 1951 he took 138 wickets for Glamorgan. Last year he took seven wickets for 32 runs in his best performance was in 1953, 8-56 seven wickets in succession.

(London Express Service)

## TUDOR LINE...QUARE TIMES...

## MARINER'S LOG

## THESE 'NATIONAL'

## HOPES ARE

## NOT FAILURES

Says RICHARD BAERLEIN

The failure of the Grand National's early market leaders in their most recent races may appear to give the big 'chase a more open appearance. Tudor Line, Quare Times and Mariner's Log have all failed to reach the first three since the weights appeared.

But they have all been beaten for reasons which have little to do with their Aintree chances. Time and again it has been proved that form on park courses can be totally misleading when it comes to the Grand National, where first thoughts usually prove best.

## DRIFTED

Remember Early Mist two seasons ago? He came down to 100-8 a month before the race and appeared certain to start a short-priced favourite.

Then he began to drift in the market and went out to 20-1. On the day Irish money brought him back to 20-1 but most backers who had supported him early on so that they could hedge were denied the opportunity.

The first year Reynoldstown won he was a market drifter. So were Kellibroeck Jack, Teal and Nickel Coin and most of the outsiders. As many "National" winners drift in the market as harden.

The only real alteration in the Grand National position to date is that the seven-year-old Gossamer, trained at Middleham by Neville Crump, has

forced his way to the front by a series of brilliant displays. It would be a remarkable feat if Crump could saddle his race winner of this race since the war. Gossamer jumps like an Aintree horse and appears to possess unlimited stamina.

At a recent callover it was surprising to find Aly Khan's Royal Tan at only 100-6.

Royal Tan has improved physically since last season, which may surprise some, considering that he is now 11 years old.

He is a horse who goes on finding more and more under pressure and was therefore the ideal mount for such a forceful rider as Bryan Marshall.

## GREAT RIDER

I doubt if any other jockey riding today could have won the "National" on this horse. It will be interesting to see how the six-foot-tall Pat Taaffe gets on with him.

Taaffe is undoubtedly a great rider and a great horseman, but his height is against him. He has to ride uncommonly short because of this.

Last time out, when far from tuned up, Royal Tan gave a great performance when third to Copp over three miles and a furlong.

But for a mistake Royal Tan would have been even nearer than the 12½ lengths by which he was beaten. Royal Tan will have a 9lb. advantage with Copp in the Grand National.

Royal Tan is certainly reasonably trusted on Saturday, when his chief opponents are likely to be another "National" candidate in E.S.B. Vigor and Limb of the Law.

I still think Vigor is a better chance than he has been given credit for. If he is saddled he is likely to cause the downfall of the Irish-trained horse.

(London Express Service)

## NOTICE

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the 8th Race Meeting 1954/55 to be held on Saturday 5th and Saturday 12th March, 1955, (weather permitting), may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House, the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON, on Tuesday, 22nd February, 1955.

By Order of the Stewards,  
H. MISA,  
Secretary.

Fijians Squeeze The  
Greatest Enjoyment  
Out Of Rugger

Says HYLTON CLEAVER

Few, if any, countries outside the Empire and France can show us how to play rugby, but I think a side of Fiji Islanders could demonstrate to us how to squeeze the greatest enjoyment out of each match.

In 1939 a Fiji side toured New Zealand. It was said of them that they came to learn and stayed to teach. When the All Blacks admit to being taught rugby, it means something.

In Australia in 1952 the Fijians were so popular that they were invited back in 1954. On their first visit they lost only one match and won a Test. On their second they scored 528 points. An Australian team paid them a return visit.

## HARD GROUND

Fijians play at home on ground so hard that you cannot make a line in it for a place-kick; scrums are crowded in dust rather than steam.

But the men run like black flashes, handle superbly and can hurl a pass one-handed the width of the field.

Their international pack averages 14½st., with much speed, but no specialised hooker.

Their captain, "Apakau" Tuvava, is 37 and stands 6ft. 2in. He plays in the second row.

The star is Josefa Levulava, wing three-quarter, who in the Australian sprint championship, ran second to Hogan in 9.7sec.

His smaller cousin plays on the other wing and ran for Fiji in the Empire Games.

Centre—Barokoro, Jioji, Cavaqvu has such amazing acceleration, with a masterly sidestep and swerve that after the 1954 tour of Australia they gave him a farewell trophy.

The Teams: Beyer, G. Lawrence, A. Kud, J. Belote, P. Remedios, R. Getz, B. Carlson, C. Rittgers and J. Meyers.

La Salle—J. Aswedo, D. Remedio, R. Remedios, M. Nunes, M. Ferraz, R. Pacheco, M. Endaya, and J. Cheng.

The Rugby Union are not keen to extend their influence too far abroad. But these are Empire islands.

I say bring a Fiji team to England and they will all triumph.

(London Express Service)

INTER-SCHOOL  
SOFTBALL

Two Inter-school League softball matches were played at King's Park yesterday afternoon.

In the opening game St. Martins College easily beat King's College by 33 to 7.

In the second, King George V and La Salle tied at ten runs each in the seventh inning. In the extra inning played La Salle registered the winning run to triumph 11-10.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB  
SEVENTH RACE MEETING

Saturday 12th &amp; Saturday 19th February, 1955.

(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

## THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 18 RACES.

The First Race will be run at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race run at 2.00 p.m. on both days.

The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 11.45 a.m. on both days.

## MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED. All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him.

Tickets will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel: 72811).

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years, Western Standard.

## PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

## SERVANTS

Servants must remain in their employer's boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths in the Members' Betting Hall.

## CASH SWEEPS

Through Cash Sweep Tickets at \$10.00 each for the second day of the Meeting may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices during normal office hours until 11.00 a.m. on 19th February.

Particular numbers within the series 1 to 4,000 may be reserved for all race meetings as Through Tickets. Such tickets will be issued consecutively only and the right is reserved by the Stewards to cancel any reservation for Through Tickets for a particular Meeting if it is found that sales may not reach the number reserved in the series 1 to 4,000.

In the case of two-day Race Meetings, Through Tickets may be purchased for each day of the Meeting provided that the second day is on a date not less than five days after the first day. In all other cases Through Tickets will only be sold for the whole Meeting.

Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on the day preceding the Race Meeting for which they are reserved will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Tickets over 4,000 will also be issued consecutively but particular numbers cannot be reserved as Through Tickets.

The reservation of any particular number does not confer on the registered holder any rights whatsoever unless the ticket bearing the appropriate number is issued to and can be produced by the holder.

The Stewards reserve the right to refuse any subscription also the right to remove any name from subscription lists without stating reasons for their action.

Cash Sweep Tickets on the last race of the Meeting at \$2.00 each may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Queen's Building, (Chater Road), 5, D'Agular Street and 382, Nathan Road during normal office hours and until 11.00 a.m. on both days of the Meeting.

## SPECIAL CASH SWEEP

Tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the Hong Kong Derby scheduled to be run on 9th April, 1955, at \$2.00 each, may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices.

## TOTALISATOR

Backers are advised not to destroy or throw away their tickets until after the "all clear" signal has been exhibited.

ALL WINNING TICKETS AND TICKETS FOR REFUNDS MUST BE PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THE RACE COURSE ON THE DAY TO WHICH THEY REFER, NOT LATER THAN ONE HOUR AFTER THE TIME FOR WHICH THE LAST RACE OF THE DAY HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE RUN.

PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE MADE ON TORN, OR DISOBTAINED TICKETS. Bookmakers, Tipsters, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

By Order of the Stewards,  
H. MISA,  
Secretary.

St. John  
Ambulance  
Orders

Orders issued by Mr Fung Ping-fung, C.S.J., Commissioner of St. John Ambulance Brigade, Hongkong District, Order No. 7/55. Dated February 17, 1955.

Ambulance Duties—Hongkong—20.2.55-2.5.55, Wanchai Amb. Div.; 27.2.55-3.5.55, Wanchai "B" Amb. Div.; February 1955, Manuluan Nar. Div.; March 1955, Central Cong. Div.

Ambulance Duties—Kowloon—21.2.55-2.5.55, Shaukiwan Amb. Div.; 28.2.55-3.5.55, Kowloon Amb. Div.; February 1955, Shamshuipo Nsg. Div.; March 1955, Waterloo Nsg. Div.

Penetration Squad Duties—20.2.55, Dr. Wei Cheuk-aheng, Dental Ling Shu-feng, C.S.J., Amb. Div.; 27.2.55, Dr. Tsung Ying-kay, Dental Li Tai-chai, C.S.J., Man-nan & Tung Sing Nsg. Div.

Orderly Duties For Mainland Area—17.2.55-19.2.55, 18.2.55, Shamshuipo Amb. Div.; 19.2.55, Teimshuipo Amb. Div.; 20.2.55, KYMCA Amb. Div.; 21.2.55, Waterloo Nsg. Div.; 22.2.55, Kong Wah Amb. Div.; 23.2.55, Kong Wah Amb. Div.

Race Duties—19.2.55, At Race Course, KCOB Amb. Div.; At Headquarters, KCOB Amb. Div.; 11.3.55, At Race Course, GSA Nsg. Div.; 12.3.55, At Headquarters, Shaukiwan Amb. Div.

Football Duties—19.2.55, 3.45 p.m., Boundary St. Ground; Mong Kok Amb. Div.; 19.2.55, 4 p.m., Club Ground; Wanchai "A" & "B" Div.; 20.2.55, 4 p.m., Club Ground; Western Dist. & Kennedy Town Amb. Div.

Street Sleepers Shelter Society Duties—Shamshuipo—17.2.55-19.2.55, Waterloo Nsg. Div.; 21.2.55-23.2.55, KYMCA Nsg. Div.

Street Sleepers Shelter Society Duties—Western Dist.—February 19



aid. Mr. Menzies arrived in Holland yesterday.—Reuter.



## FALANGE FEAR FOR EXISTENCE

Madrid, Feb. 16.  
Deep concern for its own future was felt by Spain's only political party, Falange, when General Francisco Franco and Don Juan, the Spanish Pretender, met recently.

Falange feared that the plan attributed to the Generalissimo to restore the Monarchy in the course of the person of the now 17-year-old Prince Juan Carlos, son of Don Juan, might mean the transfer of political power from Falange to the Monarchists.

Senior Ramon Fernandez, Falange's Secretary-General, flew back to Madrid from a brief holiday at Abadilla on the sunny south coast of Spain and called a gathering of all leading personalities of the Falange party. Apparently, Sen. Fernandez, who was able to give the party leaders an assurance from General Franco that there is no question of any change in the present position of Falange as the only political party legally permitted to function in Spain.

### WATCHING SITUATION

Being mainly anti-Monarchist in tendency, Falange continues to watch the situation closely.

Many Falangists take the view that to prevent a drift back to the chronic political instability which gave Spain 104 cabinets between 1833 and 1936, a strong executive type of government is needed when General Franco retires, or dies. They tend to be attracted by the American type of Presidential regime.

Some political commentators think that General Franco plans for the future may include both a Monarchy and a strong executive. The Monarchy would guarantee the institutions, but the King would have no right to intervene in day-to-day political affairs, as Kings have previously done in Spain. Allied with such a Monarchist regime might be, it is suggested, Prime Minister nominated by Falange and then submitted to a national plebiscite for election to office for a fixed period of years.

### GREAT ADVANTAGE

Falange has a great advantage over other groups of opinion in Spain in being the only party able to train young people in its ideas. It maintains seven permanent training centres for leaders and instructors and many courses lasting some weeks or months are held in the various provinces apart from these centres. Falange instructors teach "national formation" in all elementary and secondary schools.

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## NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

New York, Feb. 16.  
Heavy realising just before the close marred the stock market picture today, just as it did yesterday.

Through most of the session, special issues responding to special news featured a generally firm, active market. Tickers can be seen on the upside in the first hour.

The sell-off came just before the close when several favourites turned down on profit-taking and activity again was heavy enough to put reporting tickers behind.

Turnover for the day amounted to 3,600,000 shares. Of a total 1,264 issues traded 568 were lower while 470 advanced, and both industrial and rail averages declined on the day.

Several issues fluctuated erratically. General Dynamics and Chance-Vought in particular. Each ran up around 7 points in early trading. Each closed lower on the day, with Dynamics off 3 1/2 to \$115 1/2, Chance-Vought, 1 1/2 to \$59 1/2. A series of rumour mergers linking the two with each other and with other companies have been denied emphatically by officials of both companies.

### NO STOCK SPLIT

American Telephone, but up sharply in recent sessions on the remote possibility of stock split, fell today when directors ordered the usual dividend and proposed a new issue of convertible debentures. Up more than 2 points at its high today, Telephone closed off 1 1/2 at \$117 1/2.

Leading group for the most part had small changes. A loss of 1 1/2 to \$93 1/2 in General Motors stood out in automobiles.

The New York Stock Exchange bond volume was 4,570,000.

The American Stock Exchange volume was 1,110,000 shares.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

Dow-Jones closing averages on Wall Street today were as follows:

20 Industrials 409.00  
15 Utilities 146.12  
50 Stocks 132.00  
40 Bonds 100.24  
Comm. Future price index 103.70

YESTERDAY'S PRICES

Feb. 16

Alden Inc. Acy. 24 1/2  
Allied Chemicals 69 1/2  
Allis-Chalmers 74 1/2  
American Airlines 24 1/2  
American Metal 27 1/2  
American Smelting 17 1/2  
American Tel. & Tel. 117 1/2  
Armour 15 1/2  
Armstrong-Corbin 11 1/2  
Baltimore & Ohio 41 1/2  
Bendix Aviation Corp. 111 1/2  
Barnhart Bros. & Co. 11 1/2  
Bethlehem Steel 11 1/2  
Boeing Aeroplane 77 1/2  
Canadian Pacific Railway 30 1/2  
Case (J.I.) Co. 17 1/2  
Chrysler National Bank 20 1/2  
Chrysler Motors (N.Y.) 20 1/2  
Commercial Credit 20 1/2  
Consolidated Edison 20 1/2  
Continental Steel 20 1/2  
Cotton Production 20 1/2  
Crane Co. 20 1/2  
Cuban American Sugar 20 1/2  
Dunlop of New York 20 1/2  
General Foods 20 1/2  
General Motors 20 1/2  
Globe-Winkler 20 1/2  
Goodrich (B.F.) Co. 20 1/2  
Goodyear Tire & Rubber 20 1/2  
Hormel Foods 20 1/2  
International Business 20 1/2  
International Nickel 20 1/2  
International Paper 20 1/2  
International Tea 20 1/2  
John-Manville Co. 20 1/2  
Lockheed Aircraft 20 1/2  
Lows Inc. 20 1/2  
Monsanto Chemical Co. 20 1/2  
Montgomery Ward 20 1/2  
National Cash Register 20 1/2  
National Distillers 20 1/2  
National Lead 20 1/2  
New York Central 20 1/2  
Olds Elevator 20 1/2  
Pacific Gas & Electric 20 1/2  
Pacific Western Oil 20 1/2  
Paramount Pictures 20 1/2  
Phillips Petroleum 20 1/2  
Pittsburgh Plate Glass 20 1/2  
Radio Corporation 20 1/2  
Reo Motors 20 1/2  
Republic Steel 20 1/2  
Shell Oil Co. 20 1/2  
Sinclair Oil 20 1/2  
Socoy Vacuum 20 1/2  
Singer Sewing Machine 20 1/2  
Standard Brands (Conn.) 20 1/2  
Standard Oil of California 20 1/2  
Standard Oil of Indiana 20 1/2  
Standard Oil of New Jersey 20 1/2  
Stanley-Van Camp 20 1/2  
Submarine Food Corp. 20 1/2  
Texas Co. 20 1/2  
Union Carbide 20 1/2  
United Fruit 20 1/2  
U.S. Open 20 1/2  
U.S. Rubber 20 1/2  
United States Smelting 20 1/2  
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# TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

## BIG FIELD OPEN TO U.K. TRADE

### Germany Is Seizing Her Opportunities In Latin America

By WILLIAM DE GELSEY

London, Feb. 16.

Economists estimate that in 20 years' time the population of Latin America will have more than doubled—it is now 170 million—and that the value of production (industry, agriculture and services) will be about £100,000 million more than the present figure; a sevenfold increase.

It is no longer possible, however, to consider the economy of Latin America in general, for development during the past two or three decades has varied considerably from one country to another.

## World Cotton Markets

New York, Feb. 16.

Cotton futures trading today proved to be a standard.

In quiet dealings, prices saw-sawed narrowly on either side of the previous closing level.

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## Japanese Rayon For Records

Tokyo, Feb. 16.  
Japan will trade 20,000 pounds of rayon yarn for 8,000 Soviet phonograph records, Kyodo News Agency reported today.

The report said a barter contract was signed recently between a Japanese firm and the Soviet Union. It said the shipments on behalf of a Soviet corporation are expected shortly. No details were given as to the nature of the phonograph records. — United Press.

## World Rubber Markets

Singapore, Feb. 16.

The rubber market eased on lower London and New York futures and also reported change in American stockpile rotation. Heavy liquidation by all sections of trade. In the afternoon liquidation continued but reasonably well covered by trade and short covering. The market closed irregular.

Prices:

No. 1 rubber per lb. 09 1/2-09 3/4  
No. 2 rubber per lb. 09 1/4-09 1/2  
No. 3 rubber per lb. 09 1/4-09 1/2  
No. 4 rubber per lb. 09 1/4-09 1/2  
No. 5 rubber per lb. 09 1/4-09 1/2  
No. 6 rubber per lb. 09 1/4-09 1/2  
No. 7 rubber per lb. 09 1/4-09 1/2  
No. 8 rubber per lb. 09 1/4-09 1/2  
No. 9 rubber per lb. 09 1/4-09 1/2  
No. 10 rubber per lb. 09 1/4-09 1/2

NEW YORK

Futures closed 95 to 135 points lower today with sales of 232 contracts.

Prices remained under pressure from start to finish, following the lead of the primary markets and pending announcement of Government policy on rotation of the stockpile, which was issued after the market's close.

Dullness prevailed in the spot market with No. 1 Rs quoted at 24 1/2 cents a pound, nominal. Future closings:

March 33.85  
May 33.25  
July 32.00  
Sept. 32.00  
Dec. 31.00  
Mar. 31.00

LONDON

The market was uncertain. No. 1 Rs spot quoted at 29 1/2 pence per lb. Prices:

Settlement house terms:  
March 29 1/2-29 3/4  
April 29 1/2-29 3/4  
May 29 1/2-29 3/4  
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Feb. 29 1/2-29 3/4

AMSTERDAM

The market was weak. Prices closed today in guilders per kilogram, CIF mark as follows:

No. 1 rubber 2.80 nom.  
No. 2 rubber 2.75 nom.  
No. 3 rubber 2.70 nom.  
No. 4 rubber 2.65 nom.  
No. 5 rubber 2.60 nom.  
No. 6 rubber 2.55 nom.  
No. 7 rubber 2.50 nom.  
No. 8 rubber 2.45 nom.  
No. 9 rubber 2.40 nom.  
No. 10 rubber 2.35 nom.

Tea Retail Price Should Be Lower

Bonn, Feb. 16.

Ceylon's Premier Sir John Kotelawala declared firmly tonight at a tea party that he wants tea prices to go down, not up.

The Government head of the tea growing island flatly denied reports that Ceylon tea price would be raised by four pence a pound as soon as he returns from his European trip, which included the Commonwealth conference in London and a three-day state visit to West Germany.

"We are interested in seeing tea prices going down, and we think that they are definitely too high now," Sir John told newsmen here at a tea party given in his honour by the Bonn Government Press Office.

Sir John added smilingly, "It looks to me that I got myself into trouble when I said in London that the middlemen are making too much profit on our tea exports, but I do think the retail prices here in Europe could be lower." — United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local exchange market this morning at the following rates:

U.S. dollar (per £1) 1.00  
Swiss franc (per £1) 1.00  
Dutch guilder (per £1) 1.00  
Belgian franc (per £1) 1.00  
French franc (per £1) 1.00  
Italian lire (per £1) 1.00  
Spanish peseta (per £1) 1.00  
Portuguese escudo (per £1) 1.00  
Greek drachma (per £1) 1.00  
Turkish lira (per £1) 1.00  
Egyptian pound (per £1) 1.00  
Indian rupee (per £1) 1.00  
Chinese dollar (per £1) 1.00  
Japanese yen (per £1) 1.00  
Soviet ruble (per £1) 1.00  
Czechoslovak koruna (per £1) 1.00  
Polish zloty (per £1) 1.00  
Yugoslav dinar (per £1) 1.00  
Rumanian leu (per £1) 1.00  
Bulgarian lev (per £1) 1.00  
Hungarian forint (per £1) 1.00  
Croatian kuna (per £1) 1.00  
Slovenian tolar (per £1) 1.00  
Serbian dinar (per £1) 1.00  
Macedonian denar (per £1) 1.00  
Albanian lek (per £1) 1.00  
Greek drachma (per £1) 1.00  
Turkish lira (per £1) 1.00  
Egyptian pound (per £1) 1.00  
Indian rupee (per £1) 1.00  
Chinese dollar (per £1) 1.00  
Japanese yen (per £1) 1.00  
Soviet ruble (per £1) 1.00  
Czechoslovak koruna (per £1) 1.00  
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Hungarian forint (per £1) 1.00  
Croatian kuna (per £1) 1.00  
Slovenian tolar (per £1) 1.00  
Serbian dinar (per £1) 1.00  
Macedonian denar (per £1) 1.00  
Albanian lek (per £1) 1.00

## HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$1,458,815. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES  
BANKS  
HSK Bank 2135 30 @ 2130  
20 @ 2125  
12 @ 2140



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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1955.



## JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

### One Day's Grace

THEIR leave was all but over, and the two young soldiers were consoling each other over their misfortune in being obliged to exchange London's uncertain winter for Egypt's reliable sun.

"This time tomorrow," the elder of the two said gloomily. His name was Alfred. "To think that this time tomorrow, we'll be back there."

"Join the Army," said George, "and see the world." He swigged the last mouthful from his pint pot of beer.

#### THROBBING LONDON

THE public-house where the two were drinking was in the heart of The Strand. Outside the swing doors of the saloon bar London throbbed and hummed excitedly.

To the two young soldiers all the world, it seemed, belonged to and was part of London. All the world, except themselves, whom the imminence of departure made into aliens.

They envied no one in particular, yet envied anyone who could say with reasonable certainty: "Tomorrow I'll be back here."

George and Alfred had long since taken leave of their families and there seemed to them only one way to occupy the last hours of their leave. Drinking was the only entertainment they could think of.

They moved from one public-house to another and with each pint they drank, self-pity grew in them, as if in compensation for their faculties, which began to desert.

#### SHINING KNIGHTS

WHEN they reached one inn, the landlord declined to serve them, deciding in his experienced mind that the two young soldiers had drunk enough. They argued and were ejected.

George and Alfred took tremendous umbrage, seeing themselves by now as shining knights whose reward for acting as defenders of the whole way of life of Londoners was to be treated worse than those they were defending.

They tried to fight back into the public-house and when the landlord bolted the door against them, George smashed the door's glass panel and Alfred reached through and pulled back the bolt.

At that point the police arrived.

#### WILFUL DAMAGE

AT Bow Street next morning the two young soldiers, uniforms crumpled after a night's service as pyjamas in the cells, pleaded guilty to doing £3 worth of wilful damage to the public-house door.

An officer went into the witness-box and said to the magistrate, Mr. E. G. Robey: "These men should have flown back to Egypt this morning."

"And now?"

"They will fly back tomorrow morning."

Alfred and George pulled long faces at each other—faces which lengthened further still when the magistrate ordered each to pay a fine of 20s, with 30s. for the damage they had done.

#### WITHDRAWAL

THIS way, the cooler said to them. They were shown out, and as they moved off, there was a kind of military withdrawal from the public gallery. A sergeant-major left, and one or two NCOs.

Comradeship had brought them there, perhaps—or perhaps, though no one had overheard the word "escort," the Army wanted to make certain that George and Alfred would be on parade at the airfield next morning.

### Two Killed In Apartment Blaze

Montreal, Feb. 16. A three-alarm fire raged out of control through a five-story apartment block here tonight, killing two persons and injuring five others.

Two bodies, burned beyond recognition, were removed from the building at the height of the fire.—United Press.

## OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

### FIRST THRILL OF LATE CLOSING OVER

FROM H. KING WOOD

Sydney, Feb. 9.

First thrill of our new 10 o'clock closing of hotels has now died away and generally speaking there has been little that anyone could complain about.

It is doubtful if there have been any drunks more because of 10 o'clock, but the closing hour from 6.30 to 7.30 has only extended the 6 o'clock swill a half an hour later.

Publicans in the industrial areas claim that the new hours are costing them money because their bars are almost empty at night.

City licensees shrug and say they are making no fortune, but the boys in the holiday registers run hot during the night.

But Mr. P. H. Wilson, Secretary of the General Storekeepers' Association, strikes a dissonant note. He claims that right throughout the trade a heavy falling off in business has followed 10 o'clock closing.

"Many storekeepers reported last week as one of their worst ever," he said.

"Our conclusion is that a great deal of money now spent in the streets last week went into the hotels."

All things considered, however, the first week of the new hours have been very successful.

#### SAD STORY

And while on the subject of beer we must sorrowfully recount the harrowing experience of Mr. John Munro, one of this town's big-shot executives who last Sunday morning adopted a growing Australian custom of asking a few friends to drop in for a drink.

Bright beach umbrellas dotted the lawn of his seaside home; the men were in white shirts, the women in sun frocks and the nine-gallon nestled under a tree enveloped in ice.

The guests arrived, everyone was happy and gay. Executive Mr. Munro turned the gas onto the keg, and it promptly burst beautifully, smothering everybody like a tropical downpour.

A detective said in a city court this week that a man who complained about treatment from the police claimed that a police constable who had taken betting slips from him had put them in the bottom pocket of his tunic.

The fellow seemed disgruntled; surprised to learn that police don't have bottom pockets in their tunics. It's all show—just a flap and a silver button. Which seems hardly fair, anyway.

#### MECHANICAL AGE

As much as we hate to admit it, the mechanical age is driving all romance out of the West.

Two brothers with a property a few miles out of wild west Bourke use motor cycles for wild pig hunting; many station hands and boundary riders exchanged horses for cars, trucks and motor cycles.

They muster their sheep mechanically, much to the consternation of old-time drovers, who claim that motors make the sheep wild and unruly.

Some drovers, however, are themselves becoming mechanised, being equipped with three-ton trucks on which they load their horses.

The two-tiered semi-trailer sheep truck is also coming into its own out west but its main use is to get sheep to market. The trucks are handicapped by their limited load of about 200 sheep but they make speedier trips than the ordinary drover.

These semi-trailers are also a boon to rustlers who, graziers say, are now operating on an increasing scale.

They took their truck alongside a fence at night and drop the tailboard over the fence. Two quiet dogs drive the sheep up this ramp and into the truck. By daylight the truck, loaded with perhaps 200 sheep, is on its way to another district. One grazer said he was losing at least 500 sheep a year to rustlers while a neighbour, with a bigger property, put his losses at 1,500. He has a standing offer of £1,000 reward for information about the thieves.

Several times John Higgins, of a Melbourne suburb, pointed a revolver loaded in only one chamber at a cushion and pulled the trigger without it firing.

He said: "It's all rot. This is how confident I am."

He held the barrel against his forehead and pulled the trigger.

The story was told to the Coroner who inquired into the cause of his death.

Mr. G. Hobden, a former headmaster of a suburban public school, sold a committee making a survey of secondary education in public schools that a few years ago in a test only 34 of 510 boys were successful in writing the Lord's Prayer perfectly.

#### PRODUCING POWER

The Guthega-Munyang hydro-electric project, the first of the Snowy Mountains Hydro-Electric works, is producing power.

The work, which is 5,000-ft up on Mount Kosciusko, has been designed and carried out by Norwegian engineers and comprises a dam at Guthega, a three-mile tunnel through to Munyang, where the water from the Snowy River drops 800-ft to turn the turbines at the Munyang power house before dropping back into the river.

Rivertail three other Snowy River projects are built to turn out power. The Guthega-Munyang unit will operate as a "run-of-the-river" station with its output varying with the run of the Snowy.

In the late winter and early spring, when the melting snows swell the river, the turbines will operate for 24 hours a day, turning at full capacity.

In the summer months, when the river flow decreases, the output will fall correspondingly.

Guthega Dam, although several hundred feet high, is small compared with the large regulating reservoir to be built at Spencer's Creek, 6,000-ft up on Mount Kosciusko and only a short way from the headwaters of the Snowy River. The purpose of the Spencer's Creek project is to hold the winter floods and release the stored water as the Snowy falls during the summer months.

When this is done an even output of power will be generated throughout the year.

#### A NEW RECORD

Maybe our wool income this year is down by a mere few million but we can still toss a new record into the ring.

At the opening sales at Launceston this week a world record price of 420d lb was paid for a merino fleece.

Japan and US were the main bidders.

A headmaster and seven teachers who were sent to join a new school to open after the Christmas vacation this week found only a vacant block of land.

Subsequent inquiries, according to a Teachers' Federation official, revealed that the school was still only in the paper stage.

#### PRIEST'S RELICS

A Buddhist priest reached Sydney from Ceylon this week bringing with him relics for a proposed Buddhist temple.

He has three seedlings from an ancient tree, a bust of Buddha and bone fragments from Buddha's body.

The seedlings are from a tree over 2,000 years old. This tree grew from a sapling of another tree in India under which Buddha meditated.

The priest is in Sydney at the invitation of the Buddhist Society of NSW, which plans to erect a temple.

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"We shall now have an honest and unbiased discussion and prove that women are more intelligent than men!"

### A Memorable Evening With The Cassons

Sometime towards midnight yesterday, an audience, inspired and enthused by the supreme art of two supreme artists, reluctantly released them from the stage. Even then it was as if by mutual consent, as if stage and auditorium appreciated that each had given their best.

I cannot tell of just that shade of emotion Dame Sybil Thorndike and Sir Lewis Casson produced in each individual; after all, every single member of the audience must contribute something himself towards the wonderful atmosphere we call 'theatre'. All I was aware of the audience was, breathless wonder.

And further to that, I was made to realise that in these days of distorting lenses, wider screens, richer colours, and roaring microphones, that the plain voice has a quality, peerless, when used as it was last night.

Imagine, no props, no make-up, yet by a motion, or a gesture, we moved from character to character. Who could have imagined that those simple verses we flick over idly could have contained such rich cadences of exquisite beauty; or those lines so long associated with a school text book could stir us to such moving pathsos?

From the moment the performance began, when Dame Sybil recited the words, grown so ordinary, of the British National Anthem, one was aware of a quality, more moving than music, richer than blaring bands.

And when Sir Lewis recited Carousell, a pathetic little ballad, whole scenes and moods were conjured from the air.

What Londoner was not aware of that gallant epic of 1940; when Dame Sybil became that simple earthy country woman in a Kensington Church, typifying the whole people.

NEVER TIRING — So on through an evening, never tiring, always interesting, one moment a peasant, the next a monarch, or a nation, or a cardinal, holding the whole range of characters in fee.

Go to many, the English language gained a new meaning, its riches were displayed as perhaps never before in Hongkong.

It seems a pity I cannot add, "go and see for yourself"; for this is but a brief encounter; and if I am now asked what is the English Language, and what is the British Drama, I shall point back to last night.

And the wonder of it all, for such as I, who have crept up the gallery stairs of, every theatre in London, is the agelessness of it all.

I turn up a programme of May 17, 1910, and see there "Chains" at the Duke of York's and "The Lewis Casson" playing Fenwick; and later Dame Sybil, who was St. Joan. They are the stage, the theatre, and all it is and can be. Thank you. And thank you, Harry Odell, and the British Council.—JOHN LUFF.

### Five-Power Talks Next Week

London, Feb. 16. Five-power talks, aimed at breaking the post-war East-West deadlock on disarmament, are planned to open in the last week of February, official sources said here today.

The conference, in which Britain, France, the United States, Canada and Russia will take part, was originally due to open on February 23, but has been postponed a few days.

No exact date has now been fixed, the sources said.

Mr. Jakob Malik, Russian Ambassador here who was the Soviet representative at a disarmament conference which broke down in failure here a year ago, has not yet returned from consultations in Moscow.

With the Soviet Ambassadors to France and the United States, Mr. Malik was recalled before the Supreme Six let meeting at which Mr. Georgi Malenkov announced his resignation from the Soviet premiership.

The forthcoming conference will examine an Anglo-French plan for a staged disarmament in both conventional and mass destruction weapons. Russia, which has always said the first step in disarmament should be a ban on atomic and thermo-nuclear weapons, refused to consider the Anglo-French paper last year but has now agreed to discuss it.

Results of the conference will be reported back to the United Nations.—REUTERS.

### Alleged Conspiracy: Defence Opens Its Case

The Defence in the case of alleged conspiracy in connection with resettlement schemes opened this morning in the Victoria District Court after Judge A. D. Scholes held that all six accused had a case to answer.

Judge Scholes found that the Crown had made out its case in all four charges of conspiracy and corruption and ruled that it was not necessary for the prosecution to prove guilty knowledge.

The accused, Cheung Kwok-wah, Chow Chung-ying, Au Shu-sang, Ng Hau, So Ping-kwong, and Mary Daisy Wong, all five of whom were charged with conspiracy to effect a public mischief in 1953 and 1954.

A second conspiracy charge against the first, fourth and fifth accused was withdrawn by the Prosecution on Monday.

Mr. Arthur Lul, of Messrs Lo and Lo, represented the first three accused, Mr. Victor Gittins, instructed by Messrs P. H. Sin and Co., the fourth and fifth accused and Mr. Vincent D'Alton, instructed by Messrs P. L. Lam and Co., the sixth accused.

Mr. Desmond Mayne, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Insp. Harris, prosecuted.

The sixth accused was additionally charged with corruption.

ACCUSED'S EVIDENCE — The first accused, Cheung, testified that in February, 1952 he joined the Tung Hing Tai Construction Company whose proprietor was Kan Chak-man.

Kan's brother, Kan Kwok-hung was in sole charge of the purchase and sale of "common people's houses" while their cousin, Kan Tak-cheung, was the Company cashier.

The accused said that he was in charge of filing and of Chinese correspondence and had nothing to do with the buying and selling of these houses. But sometimes when Kan Kwok-hung and Kan Tak-cheung were out, he would receive money on their behalf as they instructed him to do.

Cheung agreed, as some witnesses testified, that he negotiated for customers of the Company for the sale of the house. This was because he was usually in the office while Kan Kwok-hung was usually out and Kan had instructed him to sell houses to any customer who came to buy.

There were two types of customers he could sell to, according to Kan, said the first accused. One were the people with white cards and the other were those who wished to buy the houses but did not possess white cards so that his Company had to apply for them.

"I thought that all those who lived in wooden huts were entitled to white cards," declared Cheung.

He did not know then whether his company could apply for the white cards under the resettlement schemes, but "I did not need to know, because my instructions were to sell houses and receive payment," Cheung added.

Explaining the "procedure money" which he asked from customers, Cheung said that extra money applied to those who did not possess white cards. According to his instructions from Kan Kwok-hung, the money was to defray the costs of stationery and travelling expenses, etc., incurred by the Company's applications on behalf of the customers. He did not know in what way these applications were made.

Mr. Lul: Did you agree with any person to bring these customers without white cards to Jardine's Lookout to be screened?

Accused: No.

Or did you teach them to falsely represent themselves to be residents of Jardine's Lookout?—No.

Did you know that after December 7, 1953 clearance notices must be produced for the purchase of resettlement houses?—I did not know.

RECEIVED MONEY — Cheung admitted that he received \$550 "procedure money" from the witness, Mak Lit. He explained Kan Kwok-hung's instructions to Mak and pointed out Kan to Mak. The witness then went over to speak to Kan.

Cheung denied that later when Mak pressed him for a house, he went by appointment with him to King's Park where he gave him a house.

Cheung also admitted that he received \$300 "procedure money" from the Prosecution witness, Kwong Sing-nam, but added that Kwong saw the money being paid over to Kan Tak-cheung.

Hearing is proceeding.

### Not Guilty Of Kidnapping

New York, Feb. 16. A Superior Court jury at Phoenix, Arizona, today found Daniel J. Marsin not guilty of a charge of kidnapping Anne Smith, wife of a Phoenix industrialist, for \$75,000 ransom.

The jury deliberated for two hours 10 minutes before returning a verdict.

Marsin, a slight, balding, 41-year-old welder, said after hearing, the verdict that he "wasn't surprised."

"I was worried, but not surprised," he added.

Marsin's wife, fainting upon hearing her husband had been acquitted.

Marsin had been accused of kidnapping Mrs. Smith outside a local beauty shop last June 9. Mrs. Smith told investigating officers she was forced to accompany her abductor into the Superstition Mountains, where, she said, she was held until her husband turned over \$75,000 the following day.

MOUNTAIN ARREST — Marsin was arrested in the rugged mountain country on the evening of June 10 by two Phoenix police officers. He was identified by Mrs. Smith as her abductor the following day.

In closing arguments today, Maricopa County Attorney William Mahoney, Jr., had asked the jury to convict Marsin for the kidnapping, holding that the panel "may conclude" that the defendant was guilty since he neither affirmed nor denied the charge against him.

Marsin was not called as a witness during the trial.

Defense attorney John Flynn asked for acquittal on grounds that the State had failed to link Marsin with certain evidence in the case.—United Press.

### Merchant Ship In Naval Drydock

The 6,300-ton Danish merchantman Chastine Mærsk is at present at the Royal Naval drydock, getting a new coat of paint, according to the ship's local agents.

This arrangement was necessitated by the fact that both Kowloon and Talkoo docks are fully occupied.

On a previous occasion, immediately after the last war, they also had a ship at the Royal Naval Dockyard for a similar purpose, the agents added.

## Mail Notices

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17  
Philippines, 9 a.m.  
Burma, India, Pakistan, 9 p.m.  
Sri Lanka, 9 p.m.  
Macao, 2 p.m.  
Canada, 2 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18  
Philippines, 9 a.m.  
Burma, India, Pakistan, 9 p.m.  
Sri Lanka, 9 p.m.  
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### WILL APPEAL TO CHURCHILL

London, Feb. 16. British textile leaders said today they are considering asking Sir Winston Churchill for personal attention on pleas for restrictions on foreign cloth imports.

They claim Indian, Japanese and Hongkong goods are hitting order books and threatening employment.

Employers and Union leaders who yesterday decided to protest directly to the Prime Minister about the flood of India cotton grey cloth reaching Britain, said in Manchester today: "It is 95% certain we shall ask for an interview with the Premier."

United Press.

### STOP PRESS

### 99 Women Die In Fire

Yokohama, Feb. 17. Fifty women, Catholic Mission Home, for old women here at dawn today killing 99 in Japan's worst postwar fire.

Most of the old and feeble Japanese women were burned to death near their beds as the fire roared through the old wooden buildings of the mission compound. Mission officials said 44 persons survived the blaze and another 100 nuns and students in an adjacent convent also reached safety.

The fire was discovered around 4.30 a.m. and the alarm was sounded within 10 minutes. But by that time, the two-story dormitory was a roaring inferno which spread to and destroyed the mission chapel and two smaller buildings.

American Army and Navy pump trucks joined Japanese firemen in the fight, morning battle against the fire. Firemen managed to save the convent by sealing a corridor linking it to the dormitory.

The home was operated by the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary, a "mixed" international group headed by a superior. Sister St. Joseph of Canada, United Press.